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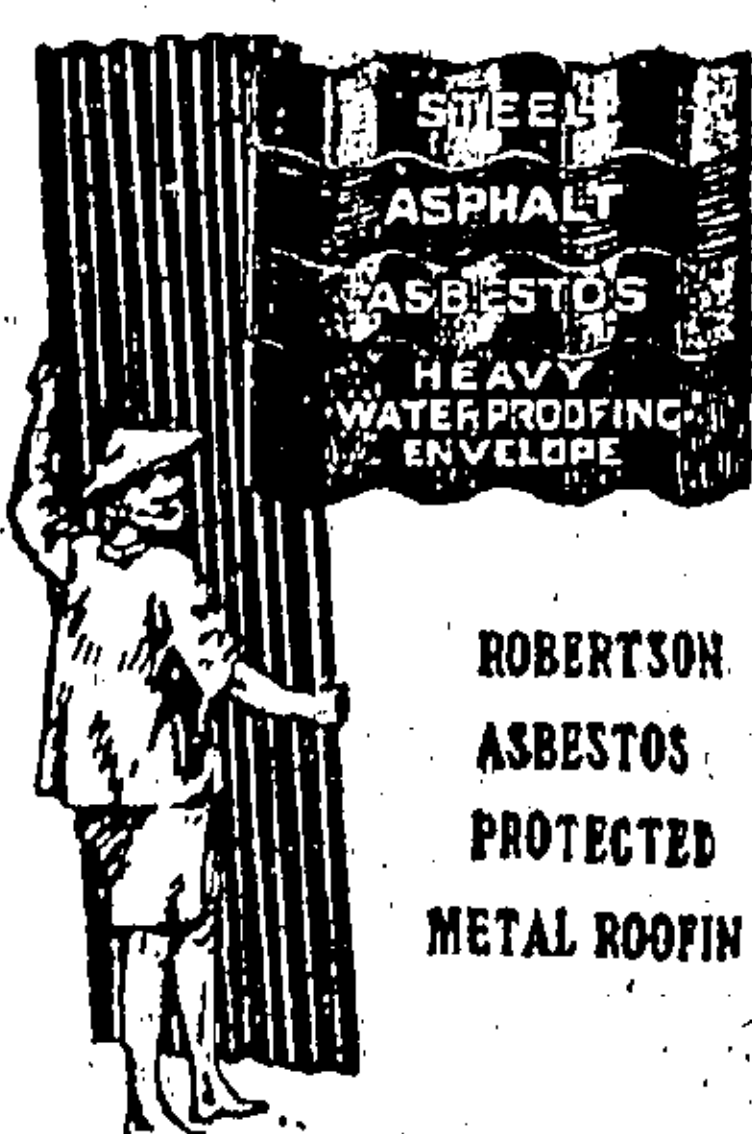
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ATHLETIC THIEVES.

LAST NIGHT'S DARING
ROBBERY.

Booty worth \$14,000 was taken by robbers last night in a startling burglary at the Popular Silk Store, on the Pedder Street side of China Building (facing the Hongkong Hotel main entrance), but goods worth \$5,000 were left behind and recovered.

Entrance to the shop was gained in the same way as in nearly every one of similar city burglaries during the last few years, i.e., by an intimate knowledge of the inside of the building, by burrowing through walls, floors, etc., and by working during "closing hours" when none of the staff is on the premises.

The store is a new branch of Messrs. D. Chellaram of Queen's Road Central.

Because of the visit of the "Belgenland" the shop was kept open last night till 9.15.

Tourists' Stock Stolen.

It was also to cope with the tourists' demands that special stocks had been brought down from Canton. Most of the loot comprised goods left over from the special sale for the visitors.

In the cursory examination since discovery it was plainly evident that the thieves, as there must have been more than one man, knew the values of the various lines in stock. They seem to have taken as much as they could that was valuable and had the least bulk.

At 8 this morning the manager opened the shop (from outside). The first thing he was struck by was the emptiness of the show-cases where gold and jade ornaments were kept, but not under lock.

There was no disorder to speak of, but at the foot of the stairs to the shop attic, he noticed a hole in the top, this being the floor of the first storey above.

Hole Dug Through Floor.

About 3 or 4 p.m. yesterday a member of the staff heard sounds of digging in the floor above but paid no particular attention, as the premises directly above the shop were occupied by Madame Flint and he concluded that fittings might be put in.

It is probable that the burglars started at about that time to dig through the floor. This flooring, it is stated, is not very thick, comprising woodwork bound with concrete, inside which were round iron bars each about two feet apart.

When a hole of about 2 feet by 1½ feet square was made (between two bars), a banister rail was inserted, at an angle, to lead into the attic, as it was a considerable drop to the staircase. The gang must have wriggled through the hole, one by one, and landed on the attic. Once there they had access to all parts of the shop.

In Light or Dark?

An Indian watchman was on duty outside the padlocked entrance, but he says that he heard nothing to arouse his suspicion.

The burglars must have worked with a light (or torch) and stayed some time. At night the attic is well lighted by the lamps in the Hongkong Hotel but the shop itself is in darkness.

Most of the silk stolen was kept in the attic. Shawls and other expensive pieces of silk were taken but the less costly articles were left behind.

From the showcases down below the gang chose jade necklaces, brooches, some unset jade, gold rings and other gold jewellery. In every instance the valuables were scooped out from their containers, the boxes being left alone.

Silk Left Behind.

Beside the jewellery showcases, a small cash-box (unlocked) was lying on a table. Some documents and \$100 in cash were taken here.

The only way the burglars could have left was by the way they entered.

One of the watchmen in the building found a large quantity of silk in a 25th floor lavatory. This was before the discovery at 8 a.m. The silk lost is valued at \$9,000, the recovered portion being assessed at about \$5,000. The

TOURISTS' FAREWELL

FIVE MOST PLEASANT DAYS.

SEEING THE TEMPLES.

The "Belgenland" tourists leave at 5 p.m. to-day after "five of the most pleasant days" they have yet spent in the course of their world tour, according to their sentiments as expressed to one of the cruise directors.

The health of the passengers whilst in Hongkong has been excellent and this, no doubt, is attributable to the very fine weather experienced. In Japan, not only was the cold weather responsible for much illness but the rigid enforcement with regard to the removal of shoes when inspections of temples were made, kept the medical officers busy after the "Belgenland" had left Yokohama. In Hongkong they experienced no difficulty in visiting temples without such irksome observations.

Some of the tourists were a little disappointed at not being able to visit Canton but the cruise directors adhered to their decision that it was not advisable that this should be included in the itinerary.

Large parties from the tourist ship "did" the New Territories over the week-end, a fleet of cars being observed leaving on Sunday morning. Friends made by the tourists in Hongkong were entertained on board to tiffin to-day.

BURNS' DAY.

PLANS FOR TO-NIGHT'S OBSERVANCE.

IMMORTAL POET'S MEMORY.

It is one hundred and sixty-seven years to-day since Robert Burns, Scotland's greatest poet, was born. The St. Andrew's Society of Hongkong, in common with Burns' Societies and other Scottish Societies throughout the world, will to-night reverently honour the memory of the plough-boy bard who ranks with the highest in the world of poetry.

Over 100 members of St. Andrew's will gather at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden under the chairmanship of the Chairman, Dr. G. D. R. Black. The members will be piped into dinner by Mr. G. S. Brown after which the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald will say grace. The loyal toast having been honoured on the proposition of the Chairman, Dr. Black will introduce Mr. W. Kay who is to propose "The immortal memory of Robert Burns."

Mr. J. Walker will propose "The Lassies" to which toast Dr. J. Morrison will reply.

Messrs. G. McLeod, K. Macnaughton and J. W. Blackley will contribute musical items to the programme and recitations will be delivered by Messrs. A. S. Mill and J. Bartholomew.

A TRICKY BEAN.

PANTAN BANKER'S SECRET.

Among the articles seized during raids at gambling houses, which provided two cases at the Central Magistracy this morning, was a "tricky" fantan counting stick. The stick, made of bamboo, had a nicely grooved secret cavity with a bean inside it ready to be released at will by the banker when he desired it.

The owner of this ingenious cheating device escaped during the raid, and two others who were out on bail also failed to attend Court.

"THE YELLOW DRAGON."

"The Yellow Dragon," reflecting every phase of activity in Queen's College, is as sprightly as ever, judging from a copy of the latest issue sent to the "China Mail." Articles on school matters and general topics give it a wide interest to present and former pupils and to all who are interested in local education. Our congratulations to the Editor.

Jade and gold stolen amounted to \$5,000 or so. The police have the case in hand. It is rumoured that an arrest has been made but this has to be confirmed.

ISLAND MYTH.

CURIOUS REPORT ABOUT LOCAL SHIP.

ONLY 11 INHABITANTS.

That the local steamer "Pong Tong" saw an uncharted island which sprang up from the Pacific—as published in yesterday's vernacular papers—has been denied. While returning to Hongkong with coals from Ocean Island, the ship did come across an island in the Pelew group, in which five natives, four males and seven females.

When the "Pong Tong" hove in sight, two men put out in a canoe with bananas and fruit, which they bartered for tinned meat.

It is understood that these people, fishers and agriculturists, were once ordered away by Japan—to whom the island belongs—but subsequently returned.

However, the island is not uncharted. One of the ship's officers, who has been in that part of the world before, remembers the places distinctly and there are other similar spots.

The "Pong Tong," as previously reported, had an eventual voyage, taking out some coals. She ran into a typhoon between Hongkong and Formosa and was lost tract of for a few days.

DRINKING WATER.

EXAMINATION ONCE A MONTH?

DR. KOCH'S QUESTION.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, will ask:

- (1) Is it the case that the bacteriological examination of the Hongkong potable waters is made only once a month?
- (2) Is it not probable that such examinations should be made at least once a week?
- (3) Can and will the authorities concerned take steps to have this done?

Prevention of Rabies.

Dr. Koch further asks: "In view of the recurrence of rabies from time to time in the colony, and of the proved efficiency of antirabic vaccination as a preventive, would the authorities consider the possibility of instituting upon such vaccination for dogs previous to the issue of a licence."

POLICE SHOOTING.

CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH MURDER.

NO EVIDENCE OF FIGHT.

A few further facts in addition to the official statement, already made in regard to the shooting of an Indian constable near the Volunteer Headquarters on Friday night were gleaned at the Central Magistracy this morning when the Shantung constable, alleged to be the assailant, was brought before Mr. E. E. Lindsell and formally charged with murder.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy said that there was no actual evidence of the fight, and the report of the revolver had not been heard by any persons in the vicinity, not even by the Indian constable on traffic duty 50 yards away, who was approached by the accused after the deed had been committed. As a result of inquiries he found that the accused had a fight at the same spot two days before with another Indian constable, who had to be treated in hospital.

Describing accused's attitude in the charge room, the Inspector said that the man complained of being ill. He found that the man had a scratch mark on the face and a bruised leg. He said that the wounded man died in the chair on the way to the station and was not in a condition to make any statement beyond muttering that he had been shot.

Accused was remanded for one week.

N.E. winds, strong, fine to cloudy, is the Royal Observatory forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. A strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/4 7/16.

AN ULTIMATUM?

IVANOFF'S RELEASE DEMANDED BY SOVIET.

THREE DAYS' NOTICE.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, Jan. 24.

M. Chicherin has telegraphed to Ivanoff demanding that M. Ivanoff be released, the Chinese Eastern Railway Treaty fulfilled, and order fully restored on the railway within three days.

If the Chinese Government is unable to secure a settlement of these questions by peaceful methods within the stipulated time the Soviet asks to be allowed to take steps to secure the fulfilment of the Treaty and to protect mutual Russo-Chinese interests on the railway.

M. Karakhan presented this message to the Chinese Chief Executive and the Foreign Minister, and also telegraphed it to Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

HARBIN A MILITARY CAMP.

Moscow, Jan. 24.

The Tass Agency reports that the Southern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway is still closed. The Chinese authorities have arrested all the members of the Russian Trade Unions at Harbin. Chinese detachments have occupied the Workers' Clubs and Trade Union premises. The whole city is like a military camp.

M. Karakhan, for the last time, the Soviet Envoy, in a note to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, says that he asks him for the last time to take immediate steps to release M. Ivanoff and other Railway officials, suppress military interference in the railways, and arrange for the payment of sums due for military transport, so that in future these can be deducted from the profits in the railway due to China.

CHANG CALLS A HALT.

Peking, Jan. 24.

Whilst the Feng Yu-shiang troops at Langchow are strongly reinforced in spite of the lull in the fighting, it is understood that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has ordered the Manchurian troop to halt owing to the Russo-Chinese imbroglio.

Ironical Comments.

London, Jan. 24.

Giving prominence to the latest turn in the situation in Manchuria, the "Daily Telegraph" ironically remarks that the Soviet's action is such as might be expected of any "bourgeois" Government whose treaty rights have been insolently violated, and whose nationals have been thrown into prison by the exercise of arbitrary power.

It adds that M. Chicherin is well aware that the Government in Peking is as unable to influence the actions of Chang Tso-lin as the Government in Capetown or Buenos Aires.

The "Daily Telegraph," emphasising Chinese uneasiness regarding Russian intentions in Manchuria, refers to the Soviet's original offer to abandon Russia's rights as regards the Eastern Railway, the persistent proclamation by Russian agents that the Chinese ought to be absolute masters within their own territory, and any Treaty imposing limits thereon might justly be treated as a "scrap of paper."

It concludes by pointing out that M. Chicherin's action cannot be regarded without serious misgiving in Tokyo.

EARLIER CABLES.

Foreign Office Moves.

Peking, Jan. 24.

The Waichiao (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) has telegraphed to Marshal Chan Tso-lin, ordering the immediate release of M. Ivanoff. The message states that outstanding questions will be settled immediately.

TRAINS SUSPENDED.

Hankow, Jan. 24.

The service on the Peking-Hankow Railway has been suspended. The last train this morning arrived one day behind scheduled time.

RAILWAY EXTORTION.

Peking, Jan. 24.

Whilst the Russian claim for payment for transportation of Chinese troops is legal and logical, it has been made at an unfortunate moment for the

HOME POLITICS.

BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD AT DARLINGTON.

ACTIVITY IN CONSTITUENCIES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 24.

A vacancy is created in the Parliamentary representation of Darlington by the death of Mr. William Edwin Pease. Conservative member for that borough. At the last General Election his majority over his Labour opponent exceeded 2,000 votes.

BALDWIN'S PROGRAMME.

As is usual during the period immediately preceding the opening of Parliament there has during the past few days been a marked increase in political activity in the constituencies, and during this week the Prime Minister will deliver a series of speeches to which the Press attaches much importance. To-morrow night he will address a Party gathering in London, and it is anticipated that his speech will deal primarily with the Party organisation questions. At its conclusion he will leave for Stirling, and will speak on the question of housing in Scotland.

On Wednesday, at Sunderland, he will speak on the industrial situation.

He will return to London on the following night, and will preside at a Cabinet meeting on Friday, at which the final terms of the King's Speech for the opening of Parliament on February 2 will be approved.

WEEK-END SPEECHES.

The most important speeches this week-end have been those of Lord Oxford and Mr. Lloyd George. Lord Oxford, in his speech which was made at Hull last night, characterised the suggestion of a Liberal alliance with Labour as a fabric compounded of imagination and ignorance. Referring to the land question, he agreed that among the Liberals there were differences of opinion on the proposals made by Mr. Lloyd George's Committee for rural land reform. He entertained a hope, however, that after the free and frank discussion now proceeding a general agreement might be reached.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Cardiff, also expressed the strong hopes that a compromise, that would have "all the Liberals behind it, might be reached at the Liberal conference on the land question next month.

Thus "The Yellow Dragon," the Queen's College Magazine.—In the recent examination one class boy wrote: "Mr. Tanner has gone to England to join his ancestors." Not yet, we hope. Another said that Julius Caesar was the author of the Bible, while one youth whose sense of direction cannot be very good said that Hongkong lay East—West of Canton. One imaginative scholar, who evidently likes the gigantic, said that the Great Pyramid was five thousand feet high. And that too after reading about the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World in this magazine!

Immediately afterward the Hellingkiang Tapan began to send troops to Mukden in response to Chang Tso-lin's urgent request.

Unable to comply, by using the C.E.R., the Tapan marched his troops 80 miles to the head of the new Tszihar Railway over which they travelled. When returning from Mukden the Tapan applied for military transportation on the Chinese Eastern Railway; and was informed that the cost would be 28,000 gold roubles, whereas the Chinese considered 4,000 gold roubles the proper rate.

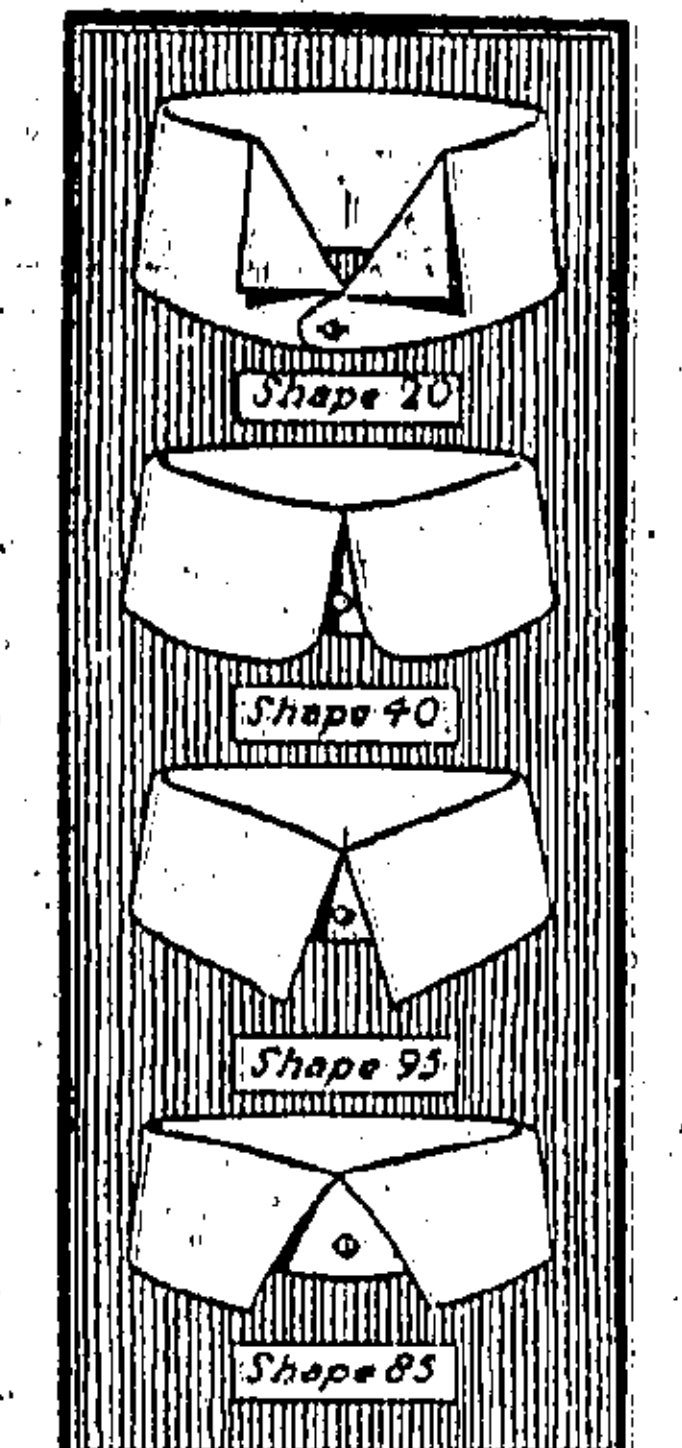
Consequently, the troops again travelled on the new line. This C.E.R. demand incensed the Chinese and led up to the present impasse a settlement of which is most difficult.

Although the present Administration is friendly disposed to the Soviet, Peking has no means of forcing Chang Tso-lin's obedience.

The Chinese, however, do not believe that the Russians will bring in troops, owing to the danger of Japanese intervention, although 7,000 Soviet troops are now close to the Chinese border.

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RUGBY CUP-TIE.

CLUB-NAVY DRAW AFTER HARD GAME.

BACKS MAKE POOR SHOW.

By drawing with the Royal Navy on Saturday, the Hongkong Football Club (rugby section) became winners of the "cup" this season as the sailors went down in the first match.

The game provided many thrills for the crowd present.

Club Team:—Armstrong, Easterbrook, Stewart, Lloyd, Lammer, Morrison, Ralph, Forsyth, Ralston, Foster, Middleton, Smith, Lithgow Smith, Lee, Beveridge, and M. J. Lee.

Navy Team:—Fek, Mortimer, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Com. Lyle, E. R. A. Tinker, E. R. A. Rothwell, Lt. Grant, Lt. Gibbons, Lt. Com. Bower, Pay-Lee, Hussy, Lt. Edmondstone, Pay-Lee, Allen, E. R. A. McFarggart, E. R. A. McEneaney, Lt. Farrar, and A. B. Acott.

Referee:—Commandr. Collett.

The Navy took up the attack but were held by the Club forwards who gained a lot of ground by good footwork. A fine run by the Club three saw Lammer in possession and making for the Navy line but he was forced into touch before he looked too dangerous. Even play followed, the forwards going hard at it and giving no quarter. From a faulty pass Lammer picked up cleverly and got well away with only the full back to beat. Mortimer rose to the occasion and brought of a great tackle which saved a certain score.

The Navy forwards were securing possession in the tight allowing their backs every opportunity, but the "connecting link" was at fault with the result that their "threes" could not get going. Gibbons was not taking his passes well, and when he did gather the ball he was too slow in getting off his mark and was tackled in possession. In spite of this fault he did some useful work in breaking through, and it was he who opened the scoring for the Navy. The Navy three had a good passing movement in which Tinker beat several opponents before passing to Gibbons who scored at the corner. The kick at goal was a poor one. Still the Navy attacked and were again on the Club line, the Club touching down to bring relief. From a free kick in good position Mortimer missed narrowly. Lammer relieved with a useful kick to touch.

Half-time:—Navy 1 try (3 points), Club nil.

After a quiet restart, Lammer provided a thrill when he cleverly beat the opposition and touched down far out, but an infringement had occurred which nullified his fine effort. Both teams were now going hard at it, the pace being very fast and it was not surprising when a stoppage was called to allow three players to recover. The Club now attacked, and the backs put in some good handling which carried play into the Navy "twenty-five." Lammer was nearly in when he was bundled into touch a yard from the line.

From the line-out Middleton Smith snapped up the ball and scored at the corner. Shortly after this, Lammer nipped up a slow pass intended for Rothwell, and as a result of his swerve and speed baffling his opponents, again he scored a good try. Stewart failed with the kick. After this reverse the Navy attacked strongly and were awarded a "free." From the easy position in front of the Club goal Mortimer was successful. This made the scores even and hard play followed. Stewart saved his forwards time and again with good kicking, but the Navy were all out for a score, and nearly got in, Morrison saving the Club line with a kick to touch.

Result:—Navy 1 try, 1 penalty goal (6 points); Club 2 tries (6 points).

It was a fierce game from start to finish, not rough but tremendously hard. There was not much between the sides and a draw was a very fair indication of the play. Lammer was the best of the whole bunch and his opportunism was the means of saving the Club from defeat. Both packs were well matched and stood up well to a gruelling contest. The three were not playing up to expectations, bad handling and passing being much in evidence. Mortimer was a sound full back for the Navy and saved well his kicking being very accurate. The Navy might have won if full advantage had been taken of the opportunities given by the forwards, but the mistakes of the backs were many.

Nauen, January 10.—The German pre-Dreadnought "Hessen" has received orders to rescue twenty-five ships icebound off Reval in the White Sea.

THREE CENTURIES.

LEAGUE AND FRIENDLY CRICKET.

TWO KOWLOON RESERVES.

Centuries were made by three batsmen in Saturday afternoon's cricket.

Lt. Halsey scored 114 for the Navy 1st XI against the University (118) and the redoubtable "Tam" Pearce (103), both not out, were in a partnership of 181 for the H.K.C.C. in a friendly against Kowloon.

The Kowloon juniors predicted their chances in division D of the league by losing to the Sappers.

LEAGUE I.

UNIVERSITY V. ROYAL NAVY.

The Royal Navy 1st XI improved their standing in the league by winning their match against the University 1st XI, by 7 wickets.

Lieut. Halsey gave the "Varsity" men an immense amount of trouble before they were able to get rid of him through a catch by Ng off Hett. He made 114, which included 23 fours and a "five."

In 20 balls, in which he took the first four wickets, Woodward only gave away one run.

University 1st XI.
O. M. R. W.
Woodward 17
H. N. Balthazard, b. Woodward 10
E. P. Ng, b. Woodward 6
D. K. Samy, c. Armitage, b. Woodward 10
D. Laing, b. Cantrell 6
C. W. Lam, b. Woodward 1
A. S. Hett, b. Woodward 30
S. Machum, c. Simms, b. Cantrell 17
S. O. Shahabudin, b. Cantrell 5
W. H. Sling, b. Woodward 0
R. A. Ponsenby Fane, not out 4
Extras 4
Total 88

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Woodward 14 2 44 7
Halsey 5 2 12 0
Cantrell 8 2 28 3

ROYAL NAVY 1ST XI.

Lt. Com. Armitage, c & b Lam 39
Lt. Emley, b. W. Lam 8
Mid. Simms, b. Lam 0
Mid. Stephenson, b. Shahabudin 24
Lt. Halsey, c. Ng, b. Hett 114
Pay. Com. Woodward, c. Lam, b. Shahabudin 31
Lt. Wauchope, b. Laing 20
Lt. Sillic, b. Laing 0
Capt. Lake, not out 0
Lt. Com. Reilly, c. Lam, b. Shahabudin 1
Extras 12
Total (for 9 wickets) 249

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Shahabudin 8 0 30 3
Lam 10 1 72 0
Rumjahn 5 0 41 0
Samy 3 0 25 0
Balthazard 2 0 18 0
Laing 2 0 13 2
Hett 4 0 38 1

C.R.C. V. C.S.C.C.

Playing on their ground, the Chinese R.C. went down badly to the Civil Service C.C. All the visitors' batsmen reached double figures. Lawrence led with 52 not out, which included seven fours and a six off Youngsaye.

The winners' first wicket fell for 60 runs, the second for 85. They, therefore, won by 9 wickets.

CHINESE R.C.

Ng Sze-kwong, b. Read 0
C. Choa, c. Holdman, b. Sayer 9
W. Hung, b. Read 9
T. E. Yeoh, c. Sayer, b. Hamilton 30
J. L. Youngsaye, b. W. Hung 1
Read 1
H. C. Hung, b. Sayer 8
Cheng Kwok-wan, b. Hamilton 5
H. L. Yung, st. Holdman, b. Sayer 5
H. Ching, b. Sayer 5
H. L. Lim, b. Sayer 1
C. E. Wong, not out 6
Extras 6
Total 79

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Reed 9 4 16 8
Baker 5 0 14 0
Sayer 7.1 1 29 5
Hamilton 4 1 14 2
Civil Service 1st XI.
F. Baker, b. H. Hung 29
F. J. de Rome, st. Choa, b. H. Hung 80
A. E. Wood, c. W. Hung, b. H. Hung 11
E. C. Fincher, not out 21
F. E. Lawrence, not out 52
Extras 20
Total (for 3 wickets) 173

E. W. Hamilton, H. B. Wallington, R. S. W. Paterson, F. H. Holdman and E. B. Reed did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Ng Sze-kwong 8 0 33 0
W. Hung 18 1 47 0
H. Ching 11 0 32 0
H. Hung 7 1 16 3
Youngsaye 4 0 24 0

C.C.C. V. R.A.

Playing at home, the Craigengower C.C. suffered their third successive defeat when they had the Royal Artillery as visitors.

Batting first, the home team were dismissed for 75 runs, the last three batsmen making no improvement in the total.

The visitors won the match soon after the fall of the third wicket. Lieut. Smith was top scorer with 55, which included 11 fours.

Craigengower.

B. W. Bradbury, c. Chester, b. Rough 0
E. Fincher, c. Clayton, b. Gifford 18
W. G. Guest, c. Gifford, b. Smith 18
T. Grimes, b. Rough 0
D. Fritz, c. Smith, b. Gifford 6
E. Zimmermann, b. Rough 3
A. B. Hamson, c. Hattersley, b. Smith, b. Gifford 6
W. Hall, run out 8
C. E. Gahagan, b. Rough 0
Y. Abbas, not out 0
F. Schneepel, b. Gifford 0
Extras 8

Total.

O. M. R. W.
Rough 12 4 28 4
Smith 5 1 18 1
Gifford 6.4 2 21 4

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Capt. Bensley, c. Hamson, b. Fritz 9
Gr. Maddocks, b. Fritz 26
Lt. Chester, c. and b. Guest 17
Major Hattersley Smith, c. Guest, b. Fincher 31
Capt. Parkes, c. Fritz, b. Fincher 16
Lt. Smith, c. Abbas, b. Guest 55
Lt. Hall, b. Hamson 4
M. G. Rough, b. Fincher 20
Sgt. Gifford, b. Fincher 0
Bdr. Rule, not out 12
Extras 14

Total (for 9 wickets) 204

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Guest 14.5 3 60 2
Fincher 11 1 68 4
Fritz 9 1 45 2
A. Hamson 2 0 17 1

LEAGUE II.

Y.C.C. V. R.E.

The Royal Engineers scored an easy victory in their journey across the harbour to meet the Kowloon C.C. juniors.

The home team put up a total of 91. Higgs capturing three wickets without giving any runs. No fewer than nine bowlers were tried against the visitors, who with Mackintosh (60), Bridgland (44) and Blondin 40, made 218 with one wicket to spare.

The R.E.'s 5th wicket fell at 91 (tie) but 74 runs were added in 31 minutes before the next separation.

K.C.C. 2ND XI.

C. Lee, b. W. Jacob 20
H. Parsons, b. Goodyer 16
B. Petheram, c. Bridgland, b. Higgs 30
C. T. Evans, run out 5
W. F. J. Gorvin, run out 0
D. S. Green, b. W. Jacob 0
D. Fraser, b. Jacob 0
D. H. Banner, run out 0
J. Overy, c. Goodyer, b. Higgs 5
J. E. Hancock, c. Jones, b. Higgs 10
F. C. Pavitt, not out 0
Extras 2
Total 91

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Goodyer 11 1 37 2
Jacob 10 2 37 3
Bridgland 2 0 15 0
Higgs 1.1 1 0 8

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Sgt. Blendin, c. Parsons, b. Hancock 40
L/Opl. Hollands, hit wicket, b. Overy 10
Spr. Goodyer, b. W. Jacob 14
Capt. Bridgland, b. Green 44
S. S. Higgs, c. Evans, b. Fraser 0
Lt. Col. Mackintosh, b. Petheram 60
Q.M.S. Roberts, b. Hancock 2
Q.M.S. Faro, c. Banner, b. Gorvin 21
S. S. Kelly, not out 7
Q.M.S. Jacob, c. Gorvin, b. Petheram 9
Sgt. Jones, not out 0
Extras 11
Total (for 3 wickets) 218

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Gorvin 5 1 18 1
Lee 4 0 10 0
Overy 8 1 37 2
Petheram 7 0 22 4
Hancock 10 3 24 2
Fraser 4 0 29 1
Banner 2 0 28 0
Evans 4 1 29 6
Green 8 0 15 1

P.R.C. V. ROYAL NAVY.

The Royal Navy 2nd XI failed to benefit by a concession allowed them in extra time by the Police R.C. to decide the issue if possible. The match ended in a draw.

ROYAL NAVY 2ND XI.

Sub-Lt. Duncan, c & b King 35
Com. Gray, b. Lacey 61
Pay. Com. Coomber, b. King 1
Lt. Hayter, c. Reynolds, b. Alexander 6
Lt. Holmstrom, c & b Lacey 17
Com. Ryan, b. Robertson 5
Lt. Palaret, c. Dyer, b. Robertson 19
Pay. Lt. Nave, b. Robertson 21
Lt. Conway, c & b Sparrow 2
Lt. Spencer, not out 0
Cpl. Lee, run out 11
Extras 11

Total.

O. M. R. W.
Lacey 12 1 46 2
Robertson 12 2 52 3
Alexander 6 1 37 1
King 6 0 26 2
Sparrow 2 0 8 1

POLICE R.C.

W. E. Meadows, b. Lee 15
C. F. Alexander, b. Hayter 8
R. D. Spencer, b. Hayter 12
T. H. King, b. W. Palaret 6
W. L. Sparrow, c. Duncan, b. Palaret 38
A. Lacey, b. Palaret 0
R. G. Robertson, b. Coomber 21
R. A. Coleman, c. Duncan, b. Palaret 7
A. Reynolds, not out 4
J. Dyer, c. Ryan, b. Palaret 24
B. G. Baker, not out 0
Extras 10

Total (for 9 wickets) 151

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Hayter 11 2 46 2
Nave 9 1 23 0
Lee 5 1 12 1
Coomber 4 0 31 1
Palaret 8 1 29 5

FRIENDLY GAMES.

H.K.C.C. V. K.C.C.

The match on the Club ground, with the Kowloon C.C. as visitors, was marked by the highest single innings score this season (302 for three wickets) and unfinished centuries by two of the home batsmen.

Good bowling by the Rev. Powell (6 for 29) resulted in the visitors being dismissed early in the afternoon for a total of 94.

The lively partnership between Parker (118) and Pearce (103) produced 181 runs. The former hit 20 fours, and the latter 19 fours and a six. Pearce made his runs in one hour without a single chance. Parker was missed when he had made 98 and with his partner continued to play a convincing game until time was called.

K.C.C. 1ST XI.

A. W. Ramsay, c and b Powell 0
J. C. Lyle, c. Hayward, b. Parker 38
Parker 118
F. Goodwin, b. Lammer 1
R. E. Lindsell, b. Powell 0
R. A. Warters, c. Becher, b. Powell 6
E. W. Morris, c. Hancock, b. Powell 1
Powell 11
F. G. Bevis, c and b Parker 13
S. E. Green, not out 0
J. O'Neill, b. Parker 0
W. Woolley, b. Powell 4
J. Lanning, b. Powell 20
Extras 20
Total 94

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Powell 16.5 3 29 6
Lammer 9 3 22 1
Hughes 4 0 13 0
Parker 3 0 10 2

H.K.C.C. 1ST XI.

A. W. Hayward, b. Goodwin 0
H. Owen Hughes, b. W. b. Goodwin 16
Goodwin 38
H. G. Sheldon, b. Lyle 118
H. V. Parker, not out 103
T. E. Pearce, not out 27
Extras 27
Total (for 3 wickets) 302

H.C. BURGESS, R. HANCOCK, P. JACKS, E. G. LAMMERT, C. L. R. BECHER AND REV. T. B. POWELL DID NOT BAT.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 15 1 59 2
Lyle 13 1 100 1
O'Neill 2 0 24 0
Morris 7 0 72 0
Bevis 3 0 20 0

I.R.C. V. H.K.C.C.

The Indian Recreation Club suffered a bad defeat at home in their meeting with another Hongkong C.C. team. Mitchell for the visitors made 90, which included 14 fours.

H.K.C.C.

F. N. Young, b. A. H. Madar 10
D. E. G. Nicholson, c & b A. H. Madar 22
A. H. Madar 6
A. E. Mackenzie, c & b A. H. Madar 6
R. E. H. Oliver, st. S. A. 0

3 A.M. GRAB.

CLUB HOUSE PROWLERS GETS AWAY.

FANLING GOLFER'S CHASE.

For the second time within a comparatively short period, the rooms of week-end residents at the Fanling Golf Club House have been riddled by nocturnal visitors.

About 3 a.m. yesterday a well-known member of the Club awoke to find someone moving about in his room. His instinctive grab at the man was foiled by the mosquito curtain and by the time that he had got out of bed the man, scared by the movements, had run to the verandah and down the scaffolding erected for making improvements to the Club House.

Chase was given by the member who first gave the alarm, also by others who were awakened by him, but although the thief was kept in sight for a bit, he eventually disappeared into the night.

It was then a case of the query "how much have you lost?" passing from lip to lip in the sleeping rooms. From the pockets of nearly all the sleepers money had been taken.

"These 'ere floods," said the oldest inhabitant, "remind me of th' time when th' old passion prayed for rain. When th' rain did come it drowned two of his best cows, an' washed th' foundations from under the vicarage. After that he went about sayin' that for th' future he'd keep quiet, an' jist let Providence run th' weather to suit himself!"

C.S.C.C. V. "HAWKINS."

A team from H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat the Civil Service C.C. "A" by 70 runs.

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

E. H. Binns, b. Edmonds 30
O. A. Crabtree, c. Carr, b. Edmonds 6
Supt. Hazell, c. Carr, b. Sara 4
Freer, b. Sara 12
Shaw, c. Harper, b. Sara 1
Smyth, b. Edmonds 56
C.P.O. Free, c. Bastin, b. Edmonds 4
Strange 14
Stainford, b. Edmonds 9
E. A. Smith, b. Strange 9
C.P.O. May, c. Bastin, b. Edmonds 27
Edmonds 4
Lt. Tel. Crawford, not out 4
Extras 5
Total 171

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Sara 11 0 61 3
Edmonds 15 3 50 5
Westlake 2 0 23 0
Strange 4 0 32 2

CIVIL SERVICE "A."

H. F. Harper, b. May 5
H. E. Strange, c. Smyth, b. May 16
H. F. Westlake, c. May, b. Smith 0
E. A. Bastin, b. Crabtree 25
W. H. Edmonds, c. Smith, b. May 50
C. Sara, c & b Crabtree 1
T. W. Carr, c. Shaw, b. Crabtree 2
G. G. Edwards, c & b Crabtree 0
Rose, b. May 0
Sayers, b. May 0
J. C. Fletcher, not out 1
Extras 1
Total 101

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Smith 7 0 27 1
May 12 3 31 5
Shaw 7 2 18 0
Crabtree 7 1 24 4

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AMAKUSA MARU ... Friday, 5th February at 10 a.m.
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SHINNOH MARU ... Thursday, 28th January
BINGO MARU ... Thursday, 14th February
ALASKA MARU ... Saturday, 16th February
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HOZAN MARU ... Sunday, 31st Jan. at 11 a.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOI
KOTSU MARU ... Thursday, 28th Jan. at 8 a.m.
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T.T. on London	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	106 1/2	\$106 1/2	\$106 1/2
do. London	128	128	128
Chartered Bank	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
do. C.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
P. & O. Bank	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Bank of East Asia	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	500	500	500
China Underwriters	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
North China Insurance	145	145	145
Union Insurance	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Yangtze Insurance	35	35	35
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165	165	165
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	600	600
Shipping.			
Douglases	33	32	34
Hongkong Steamboats	24	24	23
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2	4	4
Indo-China (Ref.)	38	30	37
do. (Def.) Ltd.	45	45	65
do. (Hk.)	250	250	250
Oriental Navigation	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Shell Transports	55	55	55
Star Ferries	16	16	16
Water-boats			
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31	30	25
Malayan Sugars	48	35	50
Mining.			
Benquets	1.00	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	44 1/2	45 1/2	47 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	130	140	130
do. (Single)	20	18	—
Shanghai Exploration	5.45	5 1/2	—
Shanghai Loan	8	8	—
Raub	58.80	58 1/2	—
Tronoh Mines	55 1/2	55 1/2	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$123	172	\$123
H.K. & W. Docks	57 1/2	57 1/2	57
Hongkows	T 165	—	T 165
New Engineerings	7	7	7
Shanghai Docks	114	112	112
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	73 1/4	8	8
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	63	63	63
H.K. Realty	5	5 1/2	5 1/2
H.K. Territorials	6	6 1/2	6
Humphreys Estates	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/2
Princes Building	150	120	—
Rural Lands	7	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 10	T 10	T 10
Oriental	3	3	3
Shanghai Cottons (old)	58	62	58
do. (new)	28	34	30
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Teas	7 1/2	7	7
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (old)	12 1/2	12	12
do. (new)	3	3	3
China Buses	T 10 1/2	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	16 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
do. (old)	12	11 1/2	11 1/2
do. (new)	8	8	8
China Prov. (comb.)	—	8 1/2	—
do. (old)	8	—	7 1/2
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	17 1/2	17 1/4	17
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10	10	10
do. (part pd.)	—	5	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 1/4	10 1/2	—
H.K. Constructions	3	3	4
Hongkong Electric	51	50	51
H.K. Developments	30 cts.	26 cts.	30
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40	40	40
do. (old)	13 1/4	13 1/2	14
do. (new)	8 1/4	8 1/2	8 1/2
Hongkong Tramways	21 1/2	21.10	21 1/2
Lane, Crawford	12 1/4	12	13
Macao Electric	40	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	12.10	12
Peak Trams (old)	17	17	17
do. (new)	8	8	9
Sinceres	11	10	9
Singapore Trams	4	8 1/2	—
Taxis	—	3.60	—
United Asbestos	20	—	3
do. (Founders)	—	600	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18	—
Watsons (old)	12 1/4	12 1/2	13
do. (new)	12 1/2	—	—
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The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, who was also a guest, said that although the world, in these days, was so enmeshed in a network of societies, the New Health Society could make out a justification for its birth. The society proposed, he explained, to disseminate knowledge of the simple laws of health, the causes of disease, and the safeguards against it—first by lectures and literature, and secondly by co-operation with health and school authorities, welfare centres, and all forms of industrial associations.

Lord Oxford continued:—"So far as I am concerned, doctors and I have been on the most distant bowing acquaintance for more than 70 years. And if I have been more successful than most of my fellow-creatures in evading their well-meant attention, I put down my good fortune to the grace of Providence and not to the observance of my self-imposed regimen of life."

Sir Charles Wakefield announced a personal donation to the funds of the society of £500.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. & O. ss. "Kashgar" from Hongkong arrived Marseilles on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 22 to 28, 1926.

Day	Hour	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Standard Time	Height	Hongkong Time	Height
Fri.	23	4.33	10.6	4.33	10.6
Sat.	24	5.34	10.4	5.34	10.4
Sun.	25	6.35	10.2	6.35	10.2
Mon.	26	7.36	10.0	7.36	10.0
Tue.	27	8.37	9.8	8.37	9.8
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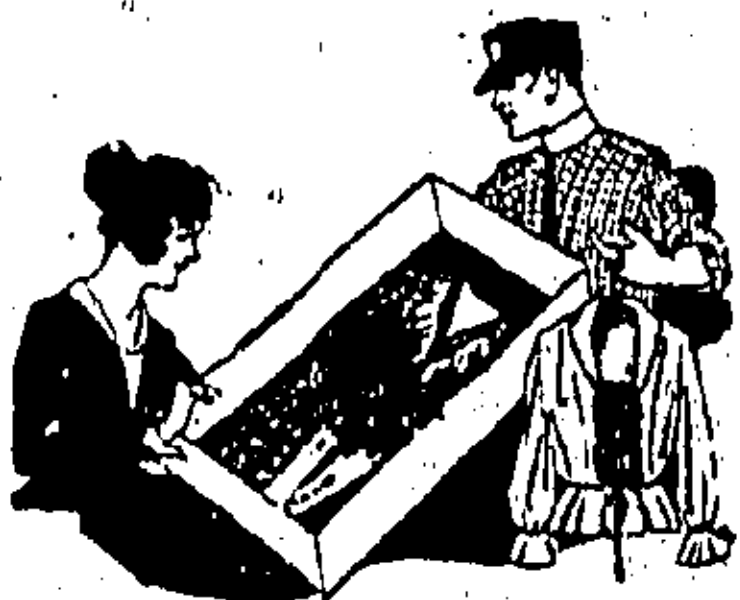
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DEATH.

GORDON.—On board s.s. "Hector," on January 23, Gladys, wife of J. H. Gordon, (Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.)

Hongkong, Monday, January 25, 1926.

BURNS.

Time has long since flown when it was the custom to generalise about Burns as man and Burns as poet. We rarely find learned discussions in literary journals dealing either with Burns or his work, and the recent flood of Christmas books, special editions, and those "de luxe" productions which entice collectors and the wealthy, did not include any of the price-less utterances of the Scottish poet. This may suggest a somnolence on the part of Burns lovers, or, as in other things, that the fashion in poetry is changing. It is not the men of letters who have handled Burns with the surest touch. Men to whom letters mean little or nothing are quicker to understand him; and they are quicker to understand him because, for all that he wrote or sang, Burns was essentially a man "of like passions" whose weaknesses were very human. In this respect Burns is everyman, and everyman is prepared to lend a willing ear to what he wrote, and to be told year after year of the message of his words. His wonderful instinct for truth and frankness is the secret of his genius and of his style. No one questions this—no one can. He could state a naked truth in the phrase that went home by reason of its simple directness of form, and by the ring of sincerity which came with it. No sermon worth so much as a fallow dip has ever been preached on the life of Burns, but the mere story of his life is an enthralling drama. We may be sure that in the references which will be made at this evening's celebration by the St. Andrew's Society, this fact will be commented on. The life of a poet in those days and in these more scurrying moments of time differ little in essentials. Temptations and pleasures are much the same; the only difference is in the guise in which they appear. It may be that had Burns been a better man, he had been a worse

poet. As it is we have his example before us, to profit by as we think fit, and we have his words to cheer us along the road that is called Life. In this case it is the good that men do that lives after them. Men write of Burns as one worthy to be praised. The critics, if not "with the surest touch," with the pen that recognises true literary worth. But whatever any critic may say to remind us even that such a thing as "Tam o' Shanter" is in many ways the strongest and maturest of all his works, that in it he surpasses himself, and that no masterpiece of narrative so concise is to be found even in Chaucer—celebration will continue to be made of one who was first and last a representative of a great people—a poet—and a man.

The "Immortal Memory."

To-day is Burns Day, and wherever Scotsmen congregate the "Immortal Memory" will be pledged in truly Scottish fashion. The name and works of Robert Burns are known and loved wherever his language is spoken, and his name revered and honoured wherever Scotsmen are to be found—and it is difficult to find a place where they have not. On January 25, 1759, Robert Burns was born in the little cottage built by his father's own hands, at Alloway, near the town of Ayr. This "auld clay biggin'" is still standing near "the banks and braes of Bonnie Doon" and not far off is the ruin of Alloway's "auld haunted kirk." Burns looked forward to the day when "man to man the world o'er shall brothers be an' a' that." That spirit has been deepened by the Locarno agreements in an age of which Burns could have to provision—an age preceded by a welter of war and the slaying of millions of men whose loss the world deploras as much to-day as during the dark years of the Great War. Burns could not foresee the modern Armageddon, but he had the vision to anticipate the day when the Locarno spirit is necessary for the uplifting of the nations and the cultivation of that brotherly spirit for which he pleaded so much. Burns emphasised the manhood of man and because of his splendid spirit of democracy all who love their fellow-men, though separated by time and space, stretch their hands across the vast deep and the distant years, and welcome him as brother; true to the spirit of Robert Burns they claim kinship with old Caledonia. Though born in Scotland Burns belonged and still belongs to the whole world, and to-day, because of his influence, members of the human family are drawn nearer to one another.

THEY SAY THAT—

I love Manchester—its foggy weather and all. Manchester audiences gave me the first step in my stage career.—Mrs. Philipson, M.P.

We were constantly being held up before the world as a nation which had lost its liking for work. I resent that very much.—Lady Gainsford.

If a schoolgirl's so-called leisure is filled with dances and other grown-up forms of amusement she cannot do serious examination work.—Miss Edwards, Birkenhead headmistress.

One reason for the eternal quarrel of the young with the old is that the latter used to go about in the guise of repulsive advertisements of what youth must come to.—Mr. Horace Thorogood.

CARDINAL MERCIER.

DEATH OF HERO OF THE GREAT WAR.

BELGIUM IN MOURNING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, Jan. 23.

The death is reported of Cardinal (Desire) Mercier, Archbishop of Malines since 1907.

Body Taken To Malines.

Brussels, Jan. 24.

The crowds thronging outside the Nursing Home waiting to file past the body typify to the deep sorrow felt throughout the country at the passing of Cardinal Mercier.

His Majesty the King, members of the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps, and Parliament visited the death chamber.

The body will be taken to Malines, where it will lie in state decked with his full robes and symbols of office.



It is expected that the Cabinet will grant a State funeral on Thursday.

Condolences have been received from all over the world.

Dense Crowds.

Thirty thousand persons filed past Cardinal Mercier's body before it became necessary to close the doors. The crowds were so dense that they became uncontrollable, and it is reported, following a disturbance, several persons were arrested.

BRITISH TRIBUTES.

"Fine Courage and Patriotism."

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 24.

High tributes are paid to the fine courage and patriotism displayed during the early stages of the war by Cardinal Mercier, whose death took place at Brussels yesterday.

Mercier's undaunted championship of Belgium's rights during the invasion by the German Armies made him one of the heroic figures of the Great War.

Since the war Cardinal Mercier devoted much of his time to an effort for effecting a rapprochement among the various branches of the Christian churches. He presided over a meeting at Malines, at which several English Bishops were present, and a Union of Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches was discussed. The movement has up to date proved inclusive.

[Cardinal Mercier who was born in 1852 had been Archbishop of Malines and Cardinal since 1907. He was the founder of the "Revue Neo-scholastique." During the Great War he was uncompromising in his opposition to the German invaders, and one of his pastoral letters—an eloquent exposition of the civic and national rights of Belgium—resulted in his being placed under arrest in January, 1915. In November, 1915, he invited German ecclesiastics to form part of a committee for the investigation of Belgian atrocities, and a year later issued an appeal to public opinion regarding the deportation of Belgians by the Germans. His War Memories appeared in the London "Times" (December 1919) and he also published "Critique de la Philosophie Contemporaine," and "Le Manuel de Modern Sociologie Philosophique."

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

January, 1926.

A CALENDAR. 25, Mon., Robert Burns born, 1759.

26, Tues., Robert Applegarth born, 1834.

27, Wed., Sam Gompers, born, 1850.

28, Thurs., Capitulation of Paris, 1871.

29, Fri., Rt. Hon. H. Childers died, 1896.

30, Sat., John Burnett died, 1914.

31, Sun., Abolition of the Corn Laws, 1849.

To-day is the anniversary of the birth of a really great poet who spoke so that the common people could understand him, as well as the learned. Scotsmen worship him, but he has won great fame, despite his dialect, wherever English is read.

What is the secret of it? Just this: He was always the natural man, his thoughts were those which had a universal appeal. We all of us have felt the call of—

What is title, what is treasure? What is reputation's care? If we live a life of pleasure, Does it matter how or where?

Well, he lived his life of pleasure. Many blame him. Let them: We have his imperishable verse, his fun, satire, and song. And we honour him as the great opponent of humbug and upholder of the value of the real qualities of man over the superficial.

It is not at all strange that every find relating to Burns excites the keenest interest. New Zealand uncovers a fragment of his poetry and the news is flashed round the world. Dunfermline unearths three manuscripts and the Press is on edge to learn their contents. A Broxburn hotel proprietor purchases the window of an inn at which Burns passed a night in one of his journeys from Edinburgh, and there is a clamour to see the pane on which the poet had scratched the lines:—

The ants about the clod employ their cares
And think the business of the world is theirs,
Lo! waxen combs seem palaces to bees,
And mites conceive the world to be a cheese.

COMMUNIST CELLS.

SECRET ORGANISATION IN BELGRADE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Belgrade, Jan. 24.

According to the newspapers, as a result of the enquiry following the recent arrests of Communists, it is indicated that a secret organisation for the establishment of Communist cells was directed by Moscow via Vienna.

The Bolshevik emissary, who was arrested, was found in possession of instructions and funds, and was to have taken back to Moscow certain documents, which were to have been procured by Yugoslavian Communists.

SHIPPING COMBINE.

N.Y.K. AND T.K.K. TO JOIN FORCES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

The Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Toyo Kisen Kaisha formally agreed to the amalgamation this afternoon, provided the Diet grants a subsidy, whereby the N.Y.K. will be enabled to construct superior trans-Pacific vessels.

The T.K.K. will receive 125,000 shares from the N.Y.K.

"LITTLE WILLIE."

TO VISIT EX-KAISER ON HIS BIRTHDAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, January 23.

It is reported that the Netherlands Government has agreed to allow the former Crown Prince of Germany to visit Doorn, on the anniversary of the ex-Kaiser's birthday, on January 27.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL IN NORTHERN RHODESIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Broken Hill (Northern Rhodesia), Jan. 23.

Mr. Alan Cobham, the British aviator, who is on a flight from London to the Cape, has arrived here.

Even a sketch, the authenticity of which has yet to be established, makes pens run, not in Scotland alone but wherever the English tongue is spoken. For Burns was more than a Scottish poet in the restricted meaning of the term. His appeal was as wide as the four winds. He touched the chords of human sympathy as few before him had done, and while the Scottish Doric in which he sang may pass, like other dialects, it will live in his words and sweeten the future of man's lives. Beauty he saw in things held vulgar, dignity he revealed in humble toil, and he imprinted on the hearts of men the fact, coming more and more to be understood, that there is nothing necessarily low in lowly estate.

An old chronicle says, "On the JANUARY 25, 26th of January (1554) being St. Paul's Day, was a general procession of St. Paul by every parish, both priests and clerics, in copes, to the number of an hundred and sixty, singing *Salve festa dies*, with ninety crosses borne. The procession was through Cheap unto Leadenhall. And before went two schools; that is, first, all the children of the Gray Friars, and then those of St. Paul's school. There were eight bishops, and the Bishop of London mitred, bearing the Sacrament, with many torches burning, and a canopy borne over. And so about the churchyard, and in at the West door, with the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and all the Companies in their best liveries. And within a while after, the King came, and the Lord Cardinal, and the Prince of Piemont, and divers lords and knights. At the foot of the steps to the choir, as the King went up, kneeled the gentlemen lately pardoned, offering him their service. After mass, they returned to the court to dinner. And at night bonfires, and great ringing of bells in every church. And all this joy was for the conversion of the realm."

I cannot help SHAKESPEARE feeling that Lear CHARACTER. At the end of his splendid career, When he strolled in the teeth Of that storm on that heath, Was—well, just a little bit "queer."

FOR PARIS.

LUNCHEON FOR SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 24.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who for more than a week has been confined to his rooms at Rapallo owing to influenza, has now completely recovered, and will be able to leave for London on Tuesday.

It is reported that a luncheon, at which the French President and M. Briand will attend, has been arranged in his honour on Wednesday, when the British Foreign Minister will break his journey in Paris.

RIFF WAR.

DETERMINED CAMPAIGN IN SPRING.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 24.

"Le Journal" announces that Marshal Petain will call on the Spanish Minister, on February 3, with a view to making arrangements for a Spring campaign in Morocco.

The campaign is expected to bring the Riffian trouble to a satisfactory end.

HOTEL FIRE.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Allentown (Pennsylvania), Jan. 24.

Five persons were killed and eleven are missing as the result of the fire which destroyed the Hotel Lafayette.

[An earlier cablegram appears elsewhere in this issue.]

DUTCH FLOODS.

DECORATIONS FOR ZEAL AND COURAGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, July 24.

A Royal decree institutes a special decoration, in the form of silver or bronze medals, for those who most distinguished themselves by "real courage, leadership, and self-sacrifice" in connection with the recent floods.

OUR UNIVERSITY.

NEW ASSOCIATION'S FIRST DINNER.

STUDENTS AND COMMERCE.

The only Association in the University of Hongkong whose affairs are actively controlled alike by representatives of the graduates and undergraduates, is the "Association of Past and Present Commercial Students" more popularly known in the University as the "Commercial Association." This Association held its first dinner in the Great Hall of the University on Saturday night, when some fifty persons spent a most enjoyable evening. The Hall was not decorated as usual at such functions but by the clever arrangement of the tables dotted with plants here and there, the hall looked most dignified.

Prominent among those present were the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.B.E., M.A., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. C. Gerken, and the following members of the staff: Prof. G. Byrne, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Messrs. T. A. Martin, A. S. Holt and B. Hay. Prof. W. J. Hinton presided at the dinner. The toast of "His Majesty The King" and "The President of China" were proposed by him "as president of the Association and duly honoured, after which the assembly were asked to leave their seats and sit at small tables placed in the middle of the hall to enable the members and guests to mix up more freely thus removing a certain amount of that formality which inevitably prevents people from meeting one another at dinners of this nature.

The honour of proposing the health of "Our Guests" was left in the hands of the Chairman of the Association, Mr. N. H. P. Prew, who said he greatly appreciated the fact that the Association was able to welcome guests at a dinner within the first year of its formation. He pointed out in his speech that the University affords no direct means of enabling the graduates to maintain an interest in their "Alma Mater." This he deplored, but said that, fortunately, the commercial students had given the initiative in linking the past and present students by the formation of their Association.

To all the guests a very hearty welcome was extended, and especially to those prominent commercial men who had honoured the Association by their presence. With reference to the support given to the Commercial Department by the General Chamber of Commerce, the presence of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, its chairman, who was also a member of the University Court was most gratifying, said Mr. Prew. The commercial students had followed with keen interest the steps taken by Mr. Holyoak in trying to bring about an amicable settlement in the present industrial dispute; it is to him that the students will turn for inspiration and help in their future difficulties.

The Chairman congratulated the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, member of the Court of the University on his joining the ranks of honorary graduates. A popular figure alike among staff and students, Dr. Kotewall has always given his best. To have gained his goodwill and interest was a great achievement.

Mr. Ho Kwong, also a member of the University Court, was appealed to for his assistance, where possible in enabling the Association to make itself become a link between the Chinese and foreign communities here.

References were made to the popularity of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. G. T. Byrne, among the undergraduate body.

Turning to another topic, the Chairman dwelt on the publication of a journal by the Association, the first issue of which would be ready in a few weeks' time. In this connection he thanked Mr. C. Gerken for his valuable advice, and was proud of the fact that at least one person in town, not connected with the University, took an intimate interest in its publications.

Among the guests not to be forgotten were Messrs. J. L. Alves, J. M. S. Rosario and N. U. Botelho, who very kindly assisted in the musical entertainment of the evening. The toast of "Our Guests" was coupled with the name of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak.

Mr. Holyoak's speech. In thanking the Chairman for his kind remarks, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak said that it was true the Chamber of Commerce had been connected with the University since its inception and that it had always taken a keen interest in the Commercial Department which was doing some real work which must have a binding and lasting result. It was only truth that made a link

eternal. The precept in the University tended to promulgate this truth and it would live because of this, and the colony would be all the better for it. He spoke from the practical and not the academic point of view. Since first joining the commercial world, the speaker had discovered that the cardinal principle of commerce all the world over was truth and the sanctity of contract. This was part and parcel of nations, and as between nations, no two, had carried this so wonderfully into effect as China and Great Britain. The sanctity of contract and the truth of the spoken word are part and parcel which make individuals and nations great. Once abandoned these great principles bound with eternal virtues and the nation is doomed.

In all his dealings with Chinese silk merchants Mr. Holyoak said that he had never entered into a written contract and he had never found that any defaults had been made. Even under the present difficulties, contracts were being fulfilled in Shanghai because of the cutting off of Canton. He had the highest regard for this method, which is characteristic of his long experience in China. The trust throughout these years has been a model for the future of world trade, and he hoped that the members of the Association would go out bent on carrying out this principle to the same degree.

Musical Interlude. The first part of the musical programme followed the reply by Mr. Holyoak to the toast of "Our Guests."

(1) (a) Petite Etude—Pochon. (b) Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes—old English were beautifully rendered by the string quartette composed of—

1st Violin, Mr. V. F. Vicajee, B.A. 2nd Violin, Mr. J. L. Alves. Viola, Mr. J. M. S. Rosario. Violoncello, Mr. N. U. Botelho. (2) The "Emperor" Quartette—Buddhu.

(a) Poco Adagio Cantabile (2nd Movement).

This formed the second part of the musical programme and was given after the reply to the toast of "The Association." An "Extra" was also played after the short speech by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Hornell. All the pieces were very well played and this added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

"The Association."

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall in proposing the toast of "The Association of Past and Present Commercial Students" said that it was a matter of great gratification for him to do so, since the Chairman had stated that he was also interested in the student life of the University. Being a business man, he could naturally take more interest in the department of commerce. He asked the students and any others who were likely to meet with difficulties not to be afraid to go to him with them, as he was prepared to do all he could for them. With reference to the remark made by the Chairman on the great help the University received from the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce through Mr. Holyoak, he was glad to say an appeal for assistance recently made by the University to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce had not been in vain.

The Association had been described by Mr. Prew as a link of Past and Present Commercial Students. He understood from Prof. Hinton that another object was to link the students with the commercial world, and he hoped the "passed" members would do their best to further this object.

With reference to the publication of a journal he made the suggestion that prominent business men should be asked to contribute articles on commerce and trade. A summary, he thought, of the speech by Mr. Holyoak would be very suitable for the first issue.

In concluding he thanked the Chairman for his reference to the recent honour bestowed on him. The toast of "The Association" was coupled with the name of the President, Prof. Hinton.

University Goodwill.

The President in his reply said that it gave him great pleasure to accept all the kind things said about the Association. He hoped the graduates would uphold and support the University and later be able to take a part in its government and through this and other associations exert an influence on the policy of the University. The commerce taught by the department was not a form of "legalised piracy" but was bound up with truth and honour. In practical business studies they had the valuable services of Mr. T. A. Martin, and instruction in the elements of law was given by Mr. G. W. Keeton.

The evening was brought to a close by a few remarks by the Vice-Chancellor. He referred to the admirable fact mentioned by the Chairman in his speech of the lack of co-operation between the graduates and the University, and appealed to the students of the

SUPERB SCENES.

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA."

BIG MYSTERY FILM.

"Magnificent" is the only word that describes certain parts of "The Phantom of the Opera," the big feature film now showing at the Queen's Theatre. The colour scenes of the foyer and the actual ballet are a feast of beauty which must have taxed the highest technical skill to produce.

Mystery being the keynote of the story, it would be unfair to the picture to say very much about the plot, beyond that it is thrilling in the best sense of the word. The startling events which arise out of the dread secret of the opera house are of the highest dramatic order.

Next to the beautiful filming and the fascinating story, the most notable feature of the picture is the amazing make-up of Lon Chaney who plays the role of the phantom. As the elusive man in the mask he is repellent enough, but as the man without the mask he fairly makes the blood curdle. The picture is a personal triumph for Lon Chaney who is here seen in his greatest role.

Mary Philbin, who sprang into fame for her acting in "Merry Go Round," is charming as the young opera star who has fallen under the sinister influence of the opera house phantom. The other roles, including that of her young lover, are all capably filled. "The Phantom of the Opera" in short is as well acted as it is screened.

Nobody who pretends to take any interest in the movies should miss seeing "The Phantom of the Opera." The picture is arresting as a new step in cinema art. Not one but many of its dramatic incidents and striking settings will live in the mind as some of the most notable things the silver screen has yet offered its admirers.

NEXT WEEK.

"STAR THEATRE'S FINE ATTRACTION."

THE NEW GLOBE TROTTERS.

Following closely upon the heels of the great success of the Russian Imperial Opera Co., Hongkong is to be favoured with a visit of the New Globe Trotters. This excellent company open at the Star Theatre on Tuesday, February 2, for a short season.

Dick Norton, who is the director of this very versatile show, is well known to Hongkong Theatre goers. Having passed through here in February of last year with the Globe Trotters.

Every artist in the new Globe Trotters with the exception of their director is in the East for the first time. They come from England direct—and bring with them absolutely the latest in songs, dances, sketches, etc.

Among the principals are to be found—Lella Forbes, Peggy James, Billy Conway, Betty Forbes, Bert Morris, Leo H. Brooker, and of course, Dick Norton himself. Plans are now open at Moutrie's and Star Theatre. Prices \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Association to do all they could to put the matter right. He put it to the students past and present that to a good extent, the future of the University rested with them. Their real support was necessary. Criticisms and suggestions were always welcome.

The loyalty of the students since the beginning of the recent difficulties in the Colony in June had kept the University together. On coming to this University the speaker thought he was to live a life of academic seclusion, but he was not sorry that he was faced with the problems that confronted the University to-day. He looked with great pleasure on the students and staff working on sound principles. The students were left to work out their own salvation and he was proud and glad of the fact that the Association had been started by the students themselves. He was extremely glad to find a cosmopolitan community here living peacefully after his experiences in India. Here we found students of all races and religious quietly working together. The excellent behaviour of the students since last June was a guarantee of the future of the University.

Just before the close of the evening Prof. W. J. Hinton rose to propose the health of "The New Graduates," and spoke of making this a precedent at dinners of the Association.

Officers. President, Prof. W. J. Hinton, M.A.; Chairman, Mr. N. H. P. Prew, B.A.; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. M. Tait, B.A.; Graduate Secretary, Mr. Wei Tai, B.A.; Committee, Messrs. Ching Yau, Wong Ping, Tan Boon-tze.

TRESPASSING.

CHINESE AMAH IN COURT.

FINE SETTLES DISPUTE.

A Chinese amah was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawful trespass at No. 12, Ice House Street, the residence of Mrs. F. B. Silva, who gave evidence as complainant and described the woman as a meddler with her servants.

The defendant claimed to have visited the house to recover a set of knitting needles from her employer Mrs. H. H. Taylor, who, after the death of her husband, went to live at complainant's house.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, submitted that the woman went there for a lawful purpose and there was no question of trespass. The trouble, he said, had been caused by the complainant adopting an attitude not in keeping with modern ideas. A fine of \$15 was imposed.



VICTORIA DESCHAMPS

Adoption by John Warren McCord, Alaskan miner and prospector, has no attraction for Victoria Deschamps, of San Francisco. She prefers, she says, to continue her studies in San Francisco, where she is a high school pupil.

BISHOP POZZONI.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL FUND.

The subscription opened by us, says the "Religio e Patria," for a Memorial in memory of the late Bishop D. Pozzoni, has now attained the sum of \$658.40.

We are awaiting more donations, which were promised to us, and request those who are willing to contribute to the favour of sending us the respective amounts.

The Chinese Catholic Community has already, we are informed, a fund of about \$1,000, but we do not know what has been obtained amongst English Catholics and those of other nationalities. Anyhow it is now time for the President of the Committee of the proposed memorial, Mr. J. P. Braga, to convene a general meeting of the subscribers to decide the form the memorial should take.

The above-named sum of \$658.40 is deposited in the hands of Rev. Father Bianchi, Procurator of the Mission, to be returned to us or to any person authorised by the said Committee, when applied for, but if the proposed memorial does not eventuate, we think the ecclesiastical authorities have the right to determine what to do with this money.

On Wednesday morning, January 27, 1926, at 11.30 a.m. a School Confirmation Service, in connection with the Diocesan Boys' School, will be held at St. John's Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. when fifteen candidates will be presented for confirmation. The service is open to all and especially to parents, godparents, old boys, and friends of the school.

"The Yellow Dragon," the Queen's College Magazine, in wishing its readers a Happy New Year mentions that the school's register of names is now an imposing one, the latest entrant's number at the time of writing being 17,698. Many of the men whose names appear there are very famous to-day, not only in Hongkong and Canton, but throughout and beyond the land of their birth, and we doubt not that are long many more will become well known to Chinese millions.

NEST OF SPIES.

GERMAN ORGANISATION IN WARSAW.

LEADERS AND ACCOMPLICES ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Warsaw, Jan. 24.

A big spying organisation, working on behalf of Germany, has been discovered.

According to the newspapers three of the leaders and numerous accomplices have been arrested. A considerable quantity of compromising documents has been seized.

The alleged spies are stated to have wide connections in aristocratic and military circles.

IRISH AMNESTY.

ECHO OF DISTURBANCES ON BORDER.

SENTENCES REMITTED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 24.

The Home Office of Northern Ireland announced at Belfast yesterday that, in view of the recent Treaty, the Governor has remitted the sentences passed on 33 prisoners, who were convicted for various border disturbances.

These men, who are now undergoing penal servitude, will be released immediately.

THIS DANCING AGE.

EXPRESSION OF JOY AND HEALTH.

Re-Action From Worries.

Wherever you look there is a new "Palais de Danse," writes Anna Pavlova. Everywhere strange music throbs.

These are the manifestations of a great discovery by the people. The people have at last found the great joy of the dance. But dancing we have always had, and ballrooms. Then why is it only lately that people have been dancing in their millions?

Because to-day it is so simple, so easy to learn. After half a dozen lessons the ordinary man or woman can step upon the ballroom floor and dance, if not well, at least well enough to avoid ridicule. Once one would have had to spend years to acquire the quadrille, the minuet, the old waltzes.

So many, too, are now able to learn at the same time. In a large American city a short while ago I went into a vast "Palais de Danse." The enormous floor was covered with hundreds of couples, and from a raised structure an instructor taught them their dancing by mighty shouts through a megaphone. Thus we can now turn out our dancers, like watches and motor-cars, by mass production.

Another advantage of dancing is that it gives the exercise which you must have if you are to keep well. We have our worries, our sad thoughts sometimes. If we can find joyousness and health at the dance, who is to condemn us?

In the depths of everyone there is, I believe, a strong sense of rhythm. Because of it you find a perfectly executed dance so fascinating to watch. And it is at the bottom of that strange impulse felt by many who love to dance without quite knowing why.

But the most astonishing thing about these new dances is the music. Why do those bizarre melodies arouse emotions of pleasure in multitudes and yet move others to the verge of anger? To be frank, a great deal of it is not music at all. But whatever it may be, it is certainly rhythmic, and you cannot doubt the potent effect of its pulsating harmonies on the dancers.

Dancing is changing. Who can tell what fresh dancing delights await us in the years that are coming? A hint of things in store is given by the new French tango, which is to be so popular this winter.

Clocks in Irish provincial hotels are not noted for their time-keeping qualities. They are kept more for ornament than use. A traveller went into the coffee-room of an Irish hotel. The maid-of-all-work was dusting the mantelpiece. Suddenly the clock began striking. The maid, with a look of surprise, turned, and said: "There must be something wrong with the clock, it's going."

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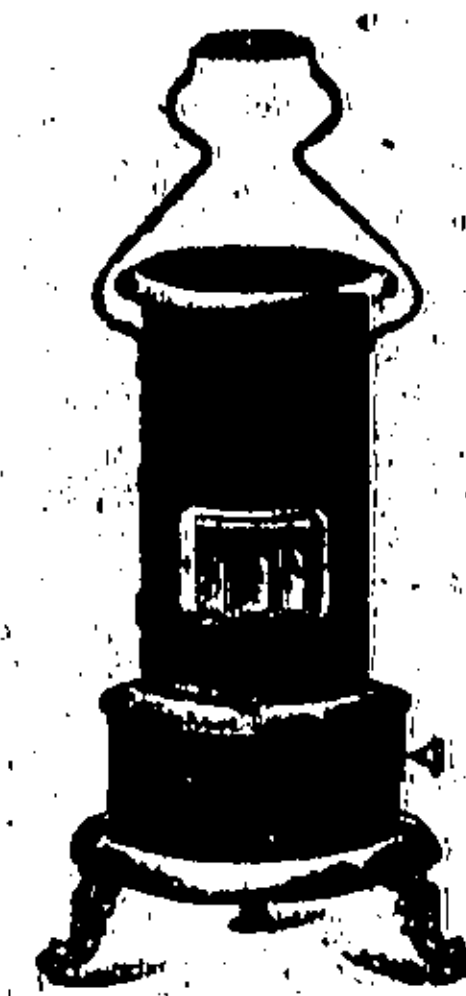
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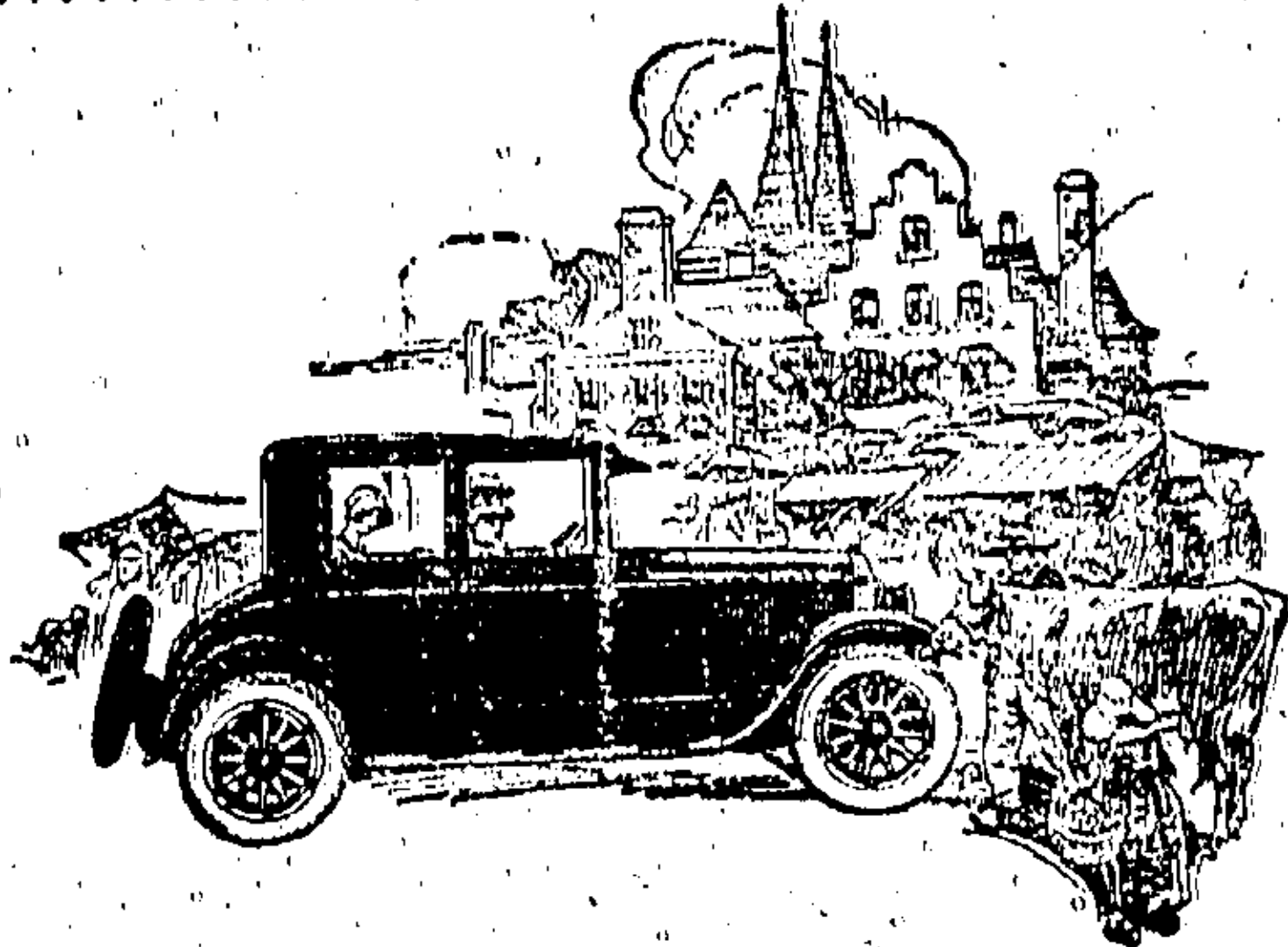
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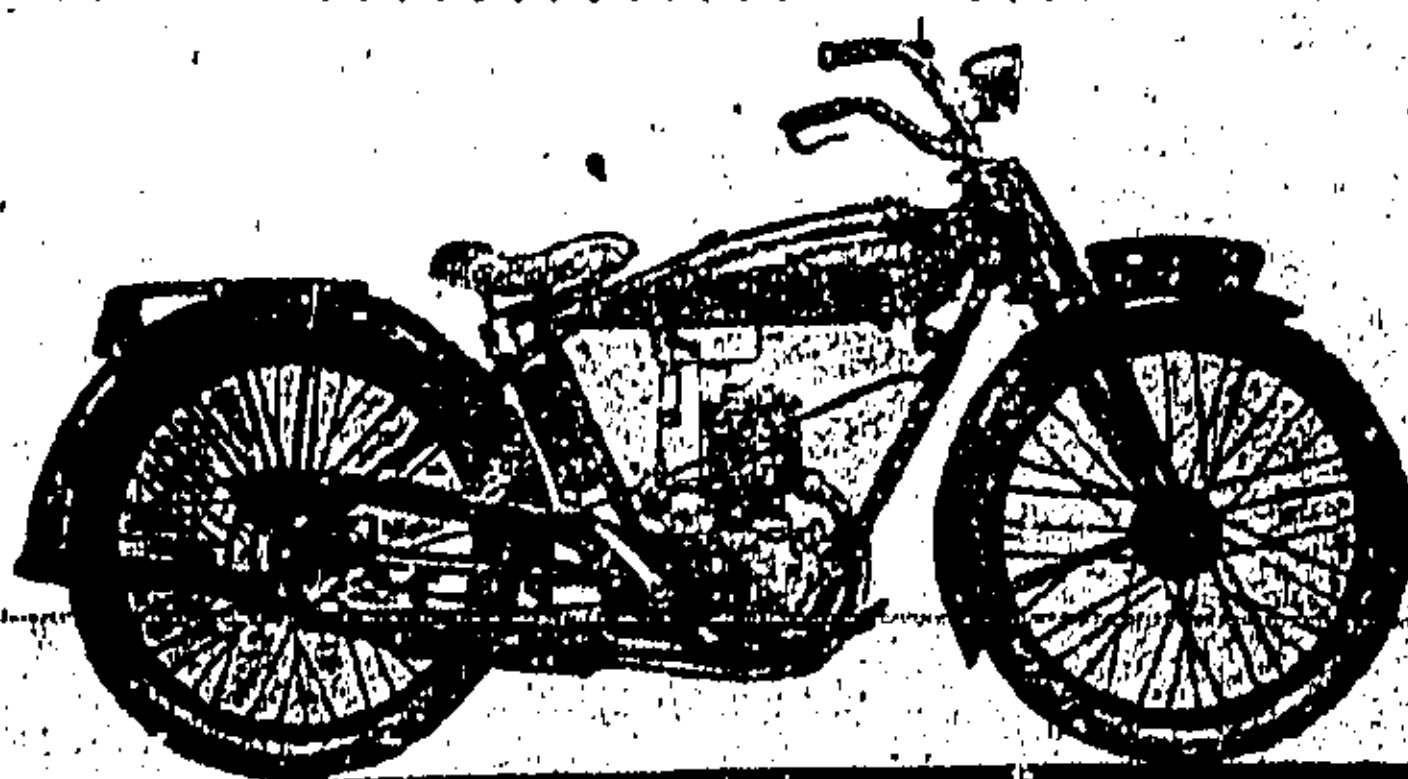
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At the International Eucharistic Congress which will take place in Chicago in June next, there will be a Portuguese section (says the "Religiao e Patria") comprising Portugal and Brazil, and His Grace the Archbishop of Braga, D. Manuel Vieira de Matos, has been invited to assume the presidency of this section.

In an effort to relieve traffic congestion in Havana as much as possible plans are being worked out by the Traffic Commission to prohibit horse-drawn vehicles from circulating in the city limits. Exceptions will be made with vehicles that can be drawn by horses and with horse-drawn vehicles entering Havana from the nearby towns and rural sections.

Berlin's first skyscraper, to be twelve stories high, is now being built in the Charlottenburg district. All buildings erected in the city before the war, were legally limited to five stories in height, and the new edifice will loom conspicuously above the general skyline of the capital. Curiously enough, Berlin's first skyscraper is not being built for some business or industrial purpose, but as the centre of booklovers all over Germany.

At the request of the Government, the Scottish National Housing Company agreed, at a meeting at Edinburgh to undertake the provision of 2,000 alternative houses in Scotland. Arrangements were made for proceeding at once with the necessary preliminary work. The company was formed 10 years ago to act as agent for the Admiralty in providing houses at Rosyth. Sir John Finlay, the chairman, said the intention of entrusting this work to the company was to compensate them for loss due to the closing of the dockyard.

The American Embassy at Tokyo is finding the quarters at the Imperial Hotel too small and a move to the new building at the Oriental Development Company this winter is contemplated. Mr. Edwin Nevill, Charge d'Affaires before the arrival of Ambassador MacVeigh, after inspecting the building recently completed near the hotel recommended to the State Department in Washington that a suite of rooms be taken there until the new American Embassy building is erected on the old Embassy grounds in Reinenzaka.

Indian girls, having adopted bobbed hair, now have taken up domestic science. A department of culinary instruction has been established in the Government Indian school with seven classes.

The foreign trade of Kobe for the first ten days of the current month amounted to ¥27,324,000, of which ¥12,108,000 represented exports and ¥15,216,000 imports, the excess on the side of the latter being ¥3,108,000.

The development of Russian export of such dairy products as butter and eggs demands an extension of the country's cold storage facilities. Mr. Krassin, the Commissar for Foreign Trade and Ambassador to France, recently declared that because of the lack of these facilities it has been sometimes found necessary to export dairy produce at times when there is no real demand for them on the foreign markets. With a view to eliminating this situation, cold-storage plants are being constructed in Leningrad, Odessa and other centres.

Over-zealousness led to the death of a Pontypool colliery collier named Gwatkin. At the inquest evidence was given that although it was not his work, he removed a pitprop that had to be taken away and a fall of roof buried him. "Never happy unless working," was a description applied to Gwatkin by one witness. He had worked at the colliery for 15 years without taking a holiday or losing a single day's work. The coroner said he had never heard of a finer record. It seemed to him it was always the best workmen who met with fatal accidents.

Manual workers seem to be the chief victims of the drink habit which has developed since the introduction of vodka in Russia early in October. Court Statistics show that 60.5 per cent. of the persons arrested for drunkenness in the streets of Moscow are factory workers. Twenty per cent. are employers; 14 per cent. unemployed; and 5 per cent. are listed as persons without definite profession. Many workers are reported to have acquired the habit of drinking during the lunch hour and sometimes even during their work. In an effort to counteract the spread of alcoholism, the factories are instituting lectures, anti-alcohol leagues and public trials of drunkards.

The British battleship "Rodney," just launched at Liverpool, is the last to be built by Great Britain under the provisions of the Washington treaties. As the First Lord of the Admiralty remarked on the occasion, she belongs to the "cherry tree class"—the class that was cut down by Washington.

The Soviet Government has increased the price of vodka 50 per cent., bringing it to about a dollar a quart, as a partial measure against drunkenness and with a view to increasing the state revenue. The Moscow Soviet has also adopted a measure against excessive drinking, directing the police to report all cases of arrests for intoxication to the trade unions of which the delinquents are members.

A plan for producing chestnuts as a practical solution for the food problems of Japan has been prepared by Kai Iriya, head of the Forest Affairs Section of the Department of Agriculture. "I got the hint for my plan," he says, "when I went to Germany several years ago to study food problems. I found the Germans using potatoes extensively as food, due to Government propaganda and encouragement of potato cultivation."

Use of whisky, brandy, rum or gin, after February 1, in the manufacture of medicinal preparations, or flavoring extracts and syrups in America, is forbidden by a treasury order. Alcohol and wines can be used instead for the purposes named. The order was issued by Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement. It will have no effect on the use of whisky, brandy, or other distilled spirits by druggists in filling prescriptions or manufacturing preparations upon prescriptions by physicians.

A musician's name is worth more than that of a literary man if the valuation put upon three leading Germans' names by a cigarette factory is criterion. The tobacco company recently put out three new brands of cigarettes. "Max" Liebermann sells for 8 pfennigs, or about 2 cents a package, "Richard Strauss" for 7 pfennigs, while "Gerhart Hauptmann" must be content to go at 6 pfennigs. Since consumption, however, is in inverse ratio to price in a poor country like Germany, "Gerhart Hauptmann" is more popular than his artistic and musical colleagues.

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Capt. Ritchie, of the s.s. "Fatsan," Capt. Scott, of the "Kwong Lee," and Capt. W. W. "Hipkin," of the s.s. "Cheong Shing," left on home leave on Saturday.

Among the passengers who left on the P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" are Dr. and Mrs. J. Fenton. Dr. Fenton has been attached to the Hongkong University staff as a tutor in English. Dr. and Mrs. Fenton have booked for Colombo, but contemplate proceeding to South Africa.

The resignation is announced of Dr. Bunji Mano, President of the Kiushu Imperial University, in Fukuoka. Prof. Nishikawa, of the Engineering Department of the University, and Dr. Takayama, head of the Medical Department of the University, are prominently mentioned for the vacant post.

At the last meeting of the Kobe Women's Club, Mrs. Elias van Casterick was elected secretary, to succeed Miss Grace McGregor who has just left the post, and Mrs. T. B. Canmore and Mrs. Futehally were co-opted to serve on the board of directors. An excellent musical programme was rendered by Miss Susan Fraser, Miss Pauline Thieck and Miss Stuart King. At the next meeting, Mrs. O. F. Moeck will read a paper on "The Influence of Women in British Politics."

Harold Scott, at one of the forthcoming Sunday performances at the Scala Theatre, London, is going to produce a play about a man who buys the Eiffel Tower as a residence, in order to provide his bored wife with a new experience. Life on high in the air proves to be somewhat hectic, and the play provides some amusing situations. This play has been written by one Robert Allen, a young man who lives in Bloomsbury, and who is regarded as being a dramatist who will be "big noise" in the theatre world one day. He has written other plays, and his friends are looking forward to a West-end production.

After an appeal for cast-off clothing had been made at the annual meeting of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild, Miss Ellaline Terriss produced a large bundle which contained a dress suit of her husband's (Mr. Seymour Hicks), in a pocket of which was a £10 note for the guild funds.



The suit of Ann Murdock, of stage fame, against her husband for the return of £20,000 was asked in New York when he gave back to her the property for which she sued. Now there is talk of a reconciliation.

Statistics just issued by the London County Council show that 11,998 husbands are missing in London. These official figures show that there are 377,298 married women in London, of whom 11,998 are widows in that part of London, called by the Council, but that in this area there are only 1,000 married men.

The death is announced of Mrs. Charles Edward Ducent Pennycook, widow of the former Postmaster-General and Director of Telegraphs, Ceylon.

It is understood that the Right Hon. E. F. L. Wood the new Viceroy of India will take the title of Baron Irwin of Kirby-Underdale in the County of York.

Mr. A. F. Peate, who has for some time been the genial manager of the Sea View Hotel, has now been transferred to the management of the Raffles Hotel; whilst Mr. F. Denson, who was Secretary to the Singapore Cricket Club for many years, has taken over the management of Sea View. No doubt the efforts of these two well-known and popular residents of Singapore will be fully appreciated by the many patrons of both hotels.

Commander P. D. R. West, R.N., who has accepted the post of honorary secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's station at Hastings, rescued Lord Jellicoe from drowning 35 years ago. While the Fleet was engaged in manoeuvres in the Mediterranean there was a collision between the Victoria and the Camperdown, and Commander Jellicoe, as he then was, was seen in the water in a very exhausted state. Naval Cadet West swam to his help, and supported him until they were picked up by a boat from H.M.S. "Nilie."

Prince Christian of Hesse dined with King George and Queen Mary recently, thus giving the answer to the question, which has been raised often since the war on who would be the first individual of German origin to be entertained at Buckingham Palace after the close of hostilities. Prince Christian came to London to attend the funeral of Queen Mother Alexandra. "Aunt Alex" he called her. Early in the war he attracted public notice by writing an open letter to Kaiser Wilhelm on the occasion of the announcement of the Kaiser's resignation.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

ANNUAL RACES.

ENTRIES FOR THIS YEAR'S DERBY.

THE NEW PONIES.

On Saturday entries closed for the annual race meeting, Hongkong Jockey Club, on March 1, 2, 3 and 6.

Out of 14 subscription griffins sent down this season, 34 have entered for the Valley Stakes, the first important race for this class on the opening day. Last year 92 "subs." were imported.

Last week there were 31 Derby griffins in training. Of this number 22 have been entered in the Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs), the first race for this class on the opening day.

The Hongkong Derby (1½ miles), on the second day, has attracted 28 entries (5 of which are "subs."). Last year 73 griffins were brought down and 61 entered for the blue ribbon.

Approximately the entrance fees this year amount to \$11,000 as against \$17,000 last year. The entries for the Valley Stakes and the Derby (with weights), subject to correction, are—

The Derby (1½ miles).

Mr. Aitch Aitch's Folly 152; Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call 158; Mrs. J. T. Bagrum's Sunburst Rose 152; Messrs. Beith & Lemarchand's Grey Steel 158; Fireworks 155; Mr. L. Dunbar's Bay of Bellingham 158; Messrs. Stanton & Dunbar's Boston 158; Tacoma 158; San Diego 158; Mr. Dynasty's King of Troy 158; King of England 156; Sir Paul's Glorious Dahlia 158; Sunbeam Dahlia 158; Stalwart Dahlia 158; Fantastic Dahlia 158; Mr. Roda's Lady Love 155; Prince Charming 155; Mr. J. H. Taggart's Craigavon 158; Cutra 155; Mrs. Taggart's Donaghadee 158; Messrs. Toog & Priestley's Sassy Sue 158; Pretty Polly 158.

The following subscription griffins have also been entered—

Mr. R. M. Austin's Home Call 158; Mr. A. H. Carroll's Elm Leaf 158; Mrs. L. Dunbar's Wahkeena 158; Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Total Abstinence 158; Rechabite 152; Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Bobbin 158.

Valleys (6 furlongs).

Messrs. Albert & Arnold's Conquistador 158; Mr. R. M. Austin's Home Call 158; District Call 158; Mr. J. T. Bagrum's Cimbar 152; Garnet 155; Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard's Barley Grass 152; Blue Grass 158; Lady Chater's The Golden Pheasant 155; The Sandpiper 152; Mr. Dryadus's Sagacity 155; Mr. L. Dunbar's Bay of Biscay 158; Bay of Naples 155; Mrs. L. Dunbar's Wahkeena 155; Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Rechabite 152; Total Abstinence 158; Mr. Dynasty's King's Favourite 155; Messrs. Shenton & Hall's The Geizer 158; The Gowl 152; Mrs. Hartford's Formidable 158; Racehorse 158; Mr. E. L. Hosie's Canny Chance 155; Mr. H. Humphreys' Black Mouse 155; Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze's Korand 153; Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Bobbin 158; Sir Paul's Beacon Dahlia 158; Mrs. Peare's Mermaid 152; Mr. John Peel's Dragon River 155; Jade River 158; Lotus River 155; Mr. Sha's Shere Khan II 152; Mr. W. T. Stanton's Blue Monday 155; Mr. Strike's Tutix 155; Messrs. Toog & Priestley's Invader 155; Wayloong Mess Inkpot 152.

SWIMMING RECORDS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Buffalo, Jan. 24. Walter Lauffer has established what are claimed as two new world's swimming records for the 100 yards and 100 metres back stroke. He covered the distances in 55 seconds and 71½ seconds respectively.

Walter Spence won the 100 yards breast stroke in 68.5 seconds, which is also claimed as a world's record.

INTERNATIONAL POLO.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Miami Beach (Fla.), Jan. 24. In a polo match here, the Flamingos (American), consisting of Messrs. Kogel, J. A. Cooler, E. E. Talbot, Jr. and J. Andrew, defeated the Frobooters (British), composed of Colonel Melville, the Marquis of Waterford, Capt. Rex Smith and Major Lyons.

LAWN BOWLS.

SCOTLAND V. THE REST AT KOWLOON.

WIN FOR THE TRISTLE.

[By "Short Head."]

"At the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday afternoon Scotland was opposed to 'The Rest.' Owing to the counter-attractions, only three rinks were played, and on each of these the representatives of Scotland came out on top.

The biggest "kill" was recorded by Farrell's rink, which had a runaway victory and finished with 18 shots to the good. W. Russell's rink at one time led by 14-1, but after the tea interval Edwards's team reduced the lead considerably, thanks to a contribution of five in one end, and at the 20th head Russell's rink led by only 20-19 but gained a couple of shots in the concluding head.

In the third rink A. Macfarlane's rink wavered for a time, and a real ding-dong struggle ensued, the result always being in doubt. Eventually R. Lapsley's rink had to own defeat by seven shots—a margin that flattered the Scotsmen.

On the day's play Scotland emerged the victors by 71-13—a majority of 28 shots.

SCOTLAND THE REST.

Crain R. Goodman
McNeill Pryce
MacLachlan Nicolls
Farrell Parnheim
(Skip) 28 (Skip) 10
Hazel Hatt
Dobbie Miller
W. Macfarlane Green
W. Russell Edwards
(Skip) 22 (Skip) 19
Meir Nish
McKay Adey
Holland Warren
A. Macfarlane Lapsley
(Skip) 21 (Skip) 11

Totals 71 43

Majority for Scotland 28 shots.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

TRIAL GIVES LITTLE HELP TO SELECTORS.

SHIELD AND LEAGUE GAMES.

If anything, Saturday's trial to choose the Hongkong interport football team lent colour to the statement recently made by a leading sportsman at home that such games serve little purpose.

"Colours" beat "Whites" at Kowloon by 2 goals to nil but that was of little help to the selectors, especially as the match was played on a small ground. There was practically nothing gleaned from the play to settle the award of the most "open" positions in the eleven. It is hoped that Wednesday's trial on the Club ground will be more definite. Until then it is not proposed to make any comment. A correspondent's views, and "his team," are given elsewhere.

THE TRIAL FOR CAPS.

The trial teams were—
Colours:—Rodger; Wheeler; Xavier; McGraw; Stewart; Bristowe; Charlesworth; Howard; Gosano; Butler; Macklesworth.
Whites:—Clarke; Wynne; Bishop; Mitchell; Sims; Leung Yuk-tong; Taylor; Forsyth; Hummerstone; Suen Kam-shun; Brown. Gosano scored both goals once in each half.

Humberstone did not shine in strange company and failed to hold his line even though his defence played confidently after the interval.
Of the two pivots, Stewart earned honours by shadowing Humberstone while Sims judiciously fed his vanguard. Wheeler and Xavier were speedy and good defenders. Bishop did not rise to the occasion against a clever attack and there was little to choose between the two middle strings. Both custodians showed about equally balanced.

Gosano added to his reputation in representative soccer as did Charlesworth and Butler.

OTHER MATCHES.

Matches were also played in all three divisions of the league. A start was made in the junior section of the Shield (knock-out) competition. Results follow—
Junior Shield (Round 1).
Kowloon Res. 1. South China "A" 1.
Drums 8. University "B" 9.
University "A" 6. H.K.F.C. Res. 1.

League I.

Artillery 2. "Famag" 9.

League II (Sec. A.).

Survey Res. 5. St. Joseph's 2.

Artillery Res. 4. Recreo "A" 1.

League II (Sec. B.).

St. Joseph's Res. 1. Kowloon "B" 0.

Moslem "A" 4. St. Joseph's B. 0.

SOCCER "CAPS."

CHANCES OF INTERPORT PROBABLES.

SUGGESTED HONGKONG XI.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—As one trial has been held to choose the interport football team to play for Hongkong at Shanghai, I beg to suggest that the following should represent the Colony and think that the majority of followers of the game will agree with me.

(Right to left):—Rodger; Wynne; Xavier; Leung Yuk-tong; Sims; McKelvie; Charlesworth; Forsyth; Gosano; Butler; Hayes. Reserves:—Mitchell, Wheeler and Howard.

Mitchell to play at right half instead of Leung Yuk-tong should the ground be heavy.

On present form I consider Rodger to be slightly better than Clarke. Wheeler is a right back and Xavier is better than Bishop. There is little difference between Sims and Stewart. The halves are an equal lot. Charlesworth and Butler are certainties and Gosano is more than a possible for centre-forward. I think Forsyth will fit in best on the right. Hayes to be included if he plays on Wednesday, as well as he has been doing in the last few weeks. My team is representative of the Colony, in the ratio of normal playing strength.—Yours, etc., F. J. C.

Hongkong, Jan. 25.

IRELAND WINS.

15,000 SEE RUGBY WITH FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Belfast, Jan. 23.

Ireland beat France at international rugby by 11 matches to nil.

The weather was boisterous and showery. There were 15,000 spectators.

In the first 20 minutes' play was mostly among the forwards. The French pack repeatedly got possession, and the scrums brought off one or two good passing movements.

Ireland improved and after 27 minutes' play, Davey worked through in great style, sent in to Stephenson who scored a try; Hewitt converted. Shortly before the interval Stephenson kicked a penalty goal.
Half-time:—Ireland, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal (8 points); France nil.

After the "resumption" Ireland made good attacks. In stopping one of these, Ribeyre (a French forward) was hurt but he soon resumed and went into the three-quarter line.

For a time Ireland was pressed hard but after a quarter of an hour, Stephenson gathered the ball splendidly and ran in to score an unconverted try.
Following this Ireland had more than once anxious moments, but the Frenchmen lacked finishing power.
Ireland therefore won by 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 1 try (11 points) to nil.

WORLD GOLF.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Miami, January 23.

Gene Sarazen, winner of the American Open Championship of 1922 has accepted the challenge made on behalf of Abe Mitchell. Sarazen has posted \$2,500 with a local bank and has called Mitchell suggesting an early meeting, preferably at Miami.

The proprietors of "Golf Illustrated" intimated they were willing to back Abe Mitchell for \$500 in match play in Great Britain, over 72 holes, against any American. Should this be accepted, the match was to be played in June or July. Should more than one American accept Mr. W. O. Fownes (the American golf president), R. A. Gardner (captain of the U.S. Walker Cup team) and Mr. Rice (editor of the "American Golfer") were to be asked to select the appointment to Mitchell.

Sarasota (Fla.), Jan. 24.

The British golfers, Massey and Compston, met the most thorough defeat, since their coming to the United States, at the hands of Bobby Jones and Tommy Armour. The score was slight and seven to play at the 29th hole.

HOME SOCCER.

LEAGUE MATCHES AND THE TABLES.

SATURDAY'S CUP TIE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 23.

Football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted: Scottish F.A. Cup (Round 1). Nairn City 1. St. Johnstone 6. Peebles R. 7. Kelso 3. Royal Albert 0. Alton 1. Arbroath 3. Berwick R. 0. Cowdenbeath 1. Hamilton A.C. 2. Kilmarnock 0. Celtic 5. Boness 2. East Fife 1. Clyde 3. Dunfermline 0. Hibernians 1. Broxbourne 1. Bathgate 5. East Stirling 4. Queen's Park 4. Clydebank 2. Dumbarton 1. Buckle 1. Third Lanark 7. Moor Park 0. Solway Star 2. Johnstone 2. Partick 3. Motherwell 0. Aberdeen 8. St. Bernard's 1. Albion 6. Nithsdale 1. Civil Service 0. Leith 2. Rangers 3. Lochelly 0. Dundee U. 1. Hearts 1. King's Park 5. Peterhead 2. Montrose 4. Clacknacunn 0. Douglas Wain 1. Forfar 4. Brechin 12. Thornhill 1. Raith 3. Ayr 1. Arthurlie 5. Armadale 4. Stenhouse Muir 1. Vale of Leven 1. Queen of South 0. Airdrie 0. Falkirk 10. Breckinbairn 0. St. Mirren 4. Mid. Annandale 0. Dykehead 1. Morton 1.

Division I.

Birmingham 2. Bury 3. Bolton 2. Notts County 1. Burnley 2. West Ham 2. Cardiff 1. Huddersfield 2. Leeds 1. Leicester 0. Liverpool 3. Arsenal 0. Manchester United 1. Manchester City 6.

Division II.

Newcastle 2. Aston Villa 2. Sheffield 4. Sunderland 1. Tottenham 1. Everton 1. West Bromwich Albion 1. Blackburn 1.

Division III.

Barnsley 2. Chelsea 3. Bradford City 2. Darlington 0. Derby 3. Blackpool 2. Fulham 2. Oldham 1. Middlesbrough 0. Swansea 3. Notts Forest 1. Southampton 0. Portsmouth 3. Wolverhampton 0. Port Vale 3. Hull 1. Preston N.E. 0. Wednesday 3. South Shields 5. Stoke 1. Stockport 3. Clapton Orient 2.

Div. III (South).

Brighton 3. Brentford 2. Bristol Rovers 0. Merthyr 0. Exeter 3. Charlton 3. Luton 5. Watford 0. Millwall 0. Plymouth 0. Northampton 1. Bristol City 2. Norwich 1. Southend 2. Queen's Park Rangers 0. Newport 2.

Reading 5. Bournemouth 2.

Swindon 1. Gillingham 0.

Aberdare v. Crystal Palace postponed, ground waterlogged.

Div. III (North).

Accrington 1. Bradford 4. Crewe 2. Ashington 1. Doncaster 8. Coventry 1. Durham 5. Chesterfield 2. Halifax 0. Grimsby 2. Hartlepool 9. Walsall 3. Lincoln 4. Barrow 3. New Brighton 4. Wigan 2. Rochdale 3. Tranmere 2. Rotherham 6. Wrexham 2. Southport 2. Nelson 1.

The respective league tables to date follow:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Sunderland	28	14	5	9	50
Arsenal	26	14	5	7	53
Huddersfield	25	12	9	4	51
Bury	26	14	2	10	55
Tottenham	26	11	7	8	47
Sheffield U.	27	12	5	10	57
Bolton	26	12	4	10	48
Manch U.	25	12	4	9	41
Aston Villa	21	10	8	7	57
Newcastle	26	10	8	8	55
Birmingham	28	11	5	12	50
N. Bromwich	26	10	7	9	47
Sunderland	27	12	8	5	52
Liverpool	25	9	7	9	40
Leicester	26	8	6	12	45
Cardiff City	27	9	4	14	39
West Ham	26	9	4	13	37
Leeds U.	25	9	4	12	41
Wolverhampton	27	8	12	6	40
Blackburn	26	6	9	11	54
Burnley	27	7	13	50	27
Notts County	26	8	4	14	38

Division II.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Derby C.	25	16	5	4	55
Wednesday	26	17	3	6	53
Chelsea	25	12	8	5	53
South Shields	24	13	9	5	51
Middlesbrough	27	14	0	13	52
Portsmouth	26	11	6	9	53
Port Vale	26	13	2	11	50
Oldham	26	11	7	8	43
Blackpool	26	11	4	10	48
Swansea	24	11	4	9	48
Bradford C.	25	10	6	9	35
Hull City	25	11	3	11	35
Wolves	24	10	4	10	36
Stoke	25	8	11	5	37
Barnsley	25	8	6	11	38
Preston N.E.	26	10	14	4	42
Southampton	26	8	6	12	38

Division III.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Reading	25	13	7	6	47
Bristol C.	26	13	7	6	46
Brighton	24	13	5	6	47
Gillingham	26	12	4	10	42
Millwall	24	10	7	7	37
Southend	25	11	1	13	34
Swindon	25	11	5	9	37
Norwich	24	10	4	10	34
Watford	24	9	6	9	31
Merthyr	24	8	8	8	36
Newport	24	6	9	13	24
Norwich	26	8	6	12	36
Charlton	22	6	10	6	24
Luton	25	9	4	12	48
Bristol R.	25	5	12	10	21
Exeter	25	8	12	5	32
Brentford	25	2	14	37	20
Bournemouth	25	7	12	34	20
Aberdare	27	5	11	35	17
Crystal P.	24	8	13	30	18
Q. P. R.	24	4	14	21	14

Division III.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Bradford	26	17	4	5	60
Rochdale	24	14	5	5	55
Hartlepool	25	13	5	8	55
Grimsby	23	13	5	5	50
Nelson	25	11	8	6	57
Halifax	24	11	7	7	37
Chesterfield	23	12	4	7	48
Coventry	25	12	4	9	49
Darham	26	13	2	11	45
Doncaster	24	9	0	14	36
Crewe	24	11	4	9	48
Ashington	26	8	10	37	34
Accrington	25	11	2	12	40
N. Brighton	25	10	4	11	37
Lincoln	25	10	2	13	43
Wrexham	25	9	10	39	39
Tranmere	25	9	3	13	40
Rotherham	24	8	4	13	36
Wigan	24	7	5	12	46
Southport	23	5	4	15	17
Walsall	24	4	10	15	12
Barrow	26	4	2	20	10

THE NEXT TESTS.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK AT HOME.

SOME EXPERT VIEWS.

(via Colombo.)

Mr. F. C. Toone (the Yorkshire county cricket secretary and manager, of former M.C.C. Australian tours) is quoted as saying that the Australians are a formidable batting side, but given equal luck, England should win. Macaulay and Tate may prove the deciding factors.

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People and Events in the News of the World



Having picked the Yale and Harvard eleven to pieces, the symbol of Princeton, in the trophy room of the New Jersey institution, seemingly has a more satisfied look than ever. The Princeton eleven lived up to the reputation of its mascot this past season.



Amelia Bingham, the famous actress, was bound and gagged in her New York home, then robbed of £300 of jewellery. She picked out the pictures of the robbers in the rogues gallery.



Vice-President Dawes and Senate pages are good friends when the day's session is ended. Here is the Vice-President surrounded by the youngsters who are in the employ of the U. S. Upper House.



President Cosgrave announced that the Irish Dail has approved the London Agreement on the Irish boundary. Senator Cousins stated four oil companies have escaped nearly £3,000,000 in Federal taxes since 1915. Representative Florian Lampert reported to the House that the present Air system is inadequate; he urged one head for the Air, Army and Navy. Miss Clara L. Parson, head of the New York State Bureau of Identification, has fingerprint records of 300,000 criminals on file.



Mayor-elect James J. Walker, of New York, presented with a regular Roosevelt big stick, declared he intended to swing it whenever it would benefit the city.



Before signing a movie contract for which he received a cheque for \$63,000, "Red" Grange, whose football education has earned him a fortune in a few days, played for an invisible audience of hundreds of thousands when he spoke over the radio on behalf of the Near East Relief.

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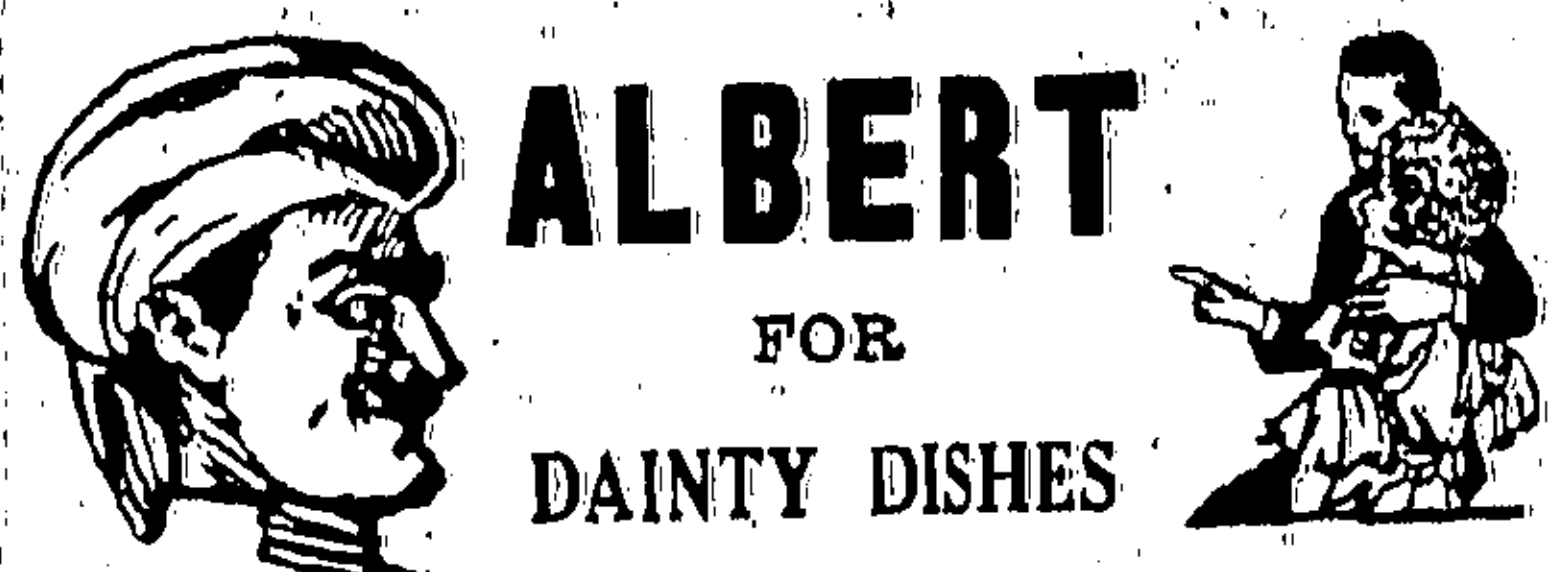
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EMPIRE POLICY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 23.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, in a speech last night at Edinburgh, emphasised the importance of inter-Imperial trade, which he described as the material and moral basis for co-operation in everything else. Empire co-operation and economics must be considered as a whole.

He pointed out that since the war the Dominions were consulted regarding all vital questions of foreign policy, and he instanced the success of the Imperial Conference that had been held.

As to the future they had to keep in mind the rights of the Dominions, both in respect of their status as nations equal in the Empire with Britain, and of their claim to be consulted.

Day By Day.

In one respect things had changed enormously in the last few years. Before the war practically no information was sent to the Dominions about foreign policy, but now through the Dominions Office all available information was supplied to them from the Foreign Office day by day. Last year 200 telegrams and 600 reports were sent out.

It could not be said now that Britain pursued any foreign policy without endeavouring to keep the Dominions fully informed. In Australia the Prime Minister, Mr. S. M. Bruce, had set up a special department to deal with such co-operation and New Zealand was doing the same.

A Vision of the Future.

Some day wireless telephony might help to bring them in to close touch, but as yet personal conferences between representatives of the Governments were the best means of dealing with vital questions.

Discussions were now proceeding as to when it would be practicable to hold the next Imperial Conference. It was difficult to bring leading statesmen together as frequently as desirable.

Perhaps they could do what the League of Nations had done and fix definite intervals. Less important business might be done at meetings of deputies. Their aim must ever be to secure a permanent Empire policy.

NEW OIL LAW.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, Jan. 23.

The district court has rejected 27 out of the 58 applications for injunctions against the operation of the petroleum law.

The court at Tampico has denied thirteen applications.

SOVIET WRATH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 24.

The Chinese military authorities yesterday arrested M. Ivanov, the Soviet General Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway, also three departmental chiefs.

Ivanov was taken to the Chinese military headquarters. The Soviet military attaché who previously arrived at Harbin has been arranging for Soviet military transportation from the eastern and western sections of the railway.

In this connection it is reported that the Soviet Ambassador has telegraphed Marshal Chang Tso-lin threatening to occupy the railway with troops.

The Chinese have now appointed a White Russian engineer and manager of the southern section and are themselves selling tickets and running trains to the south of Harbin.

The Soviet Embassy states that the arrest creates a very serious situation and constitutes a grave insult.

M. Karakhan has protested to the Waichiau, demanding the immediate release of Ivanov and reserving the right to return to the matter of the arrest and demand satisfaction for this unheard-of violation of the agreement of 1924.

[Marshal Chang Tso-lin arrested M. Ivanov, the Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway, presumably as retaliation for the Soviet Ambassador's Note demanding the cessation of the alleged high-handedness of the Chinese troops as regards the Railway.]

ALLIED FORCES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 23.

The Reichstag have unanimously agreed that the Government must do its utmost to insist that the evacuation of the first occupation zone should be followed by a corresponding diminution of occupying forces.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag previously passed a resolution declaring that the retention of 70,000 occupation troops in the Rhineland would mean a serious disappointment to justifiable German expectations and would be wholly incompatible with the political situation created by the signing of the Locarno agreements. They requested the Government, in view of the impending political decisions of the Foreign Powers, to continue its most energetic efforts to bring about the reduction of the occupation forces and to strengthen the pre-war German garrison.

ORATORY MARATHON

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 23.

Opponents of the World Court have been holding the floor by incessant oratory. Thus, the Government is somewhat concerned as apparently the delegates must sail not later than February 6.

To-day, including Senator Borah, the opponents indulged in a sort of oratorical marathon, wide range international problems being covered.

Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, announced that a rule limiting the debate would be invoked unless agreement for fixing the time of the roll-call was reached.

Senator Robinson read and delivered a remarkable speech lasting several hours yesterday in the course of which he said that it was time that Americans awoke to the "horrible fact" that an offensive coalition of 55 nations forming the League of Nations existed to make war on the United States should the latter attempt to resort to arms to enforce her rights without the consent of the League.

He declared that "if people understood this there would not be a county in the United States in which soldiers would not be drilling within forty-eight hours."

The "New York Times" advises that Vice President Daves should cease the campaign against rules in the Senate because the Senate itself by persistently blocking public business is the best argument for the necessity of revising them. It declares that the Senate has already made itself appear "helpless, drifting futile." The minority, taking advantage of the absolute rule, threatens to prevent not only a vote on the World Court but also the passage of the Tax Bill before the Senate.

[In the Senate, Senator Borah had previously made several attacks on the proposal for the United States to join the World Court. He suggested that on February 10, a vote should be taken on the resolution of America's adherence, but this is too distant to suit most of those who favour the proposal. The situation is becoming difficult for the opponents of the World Court, as the Tax Reduction Bill is the only other measure pending before the Senate.]

MOSUL'S FUTURE.

(British Wireless Service.)

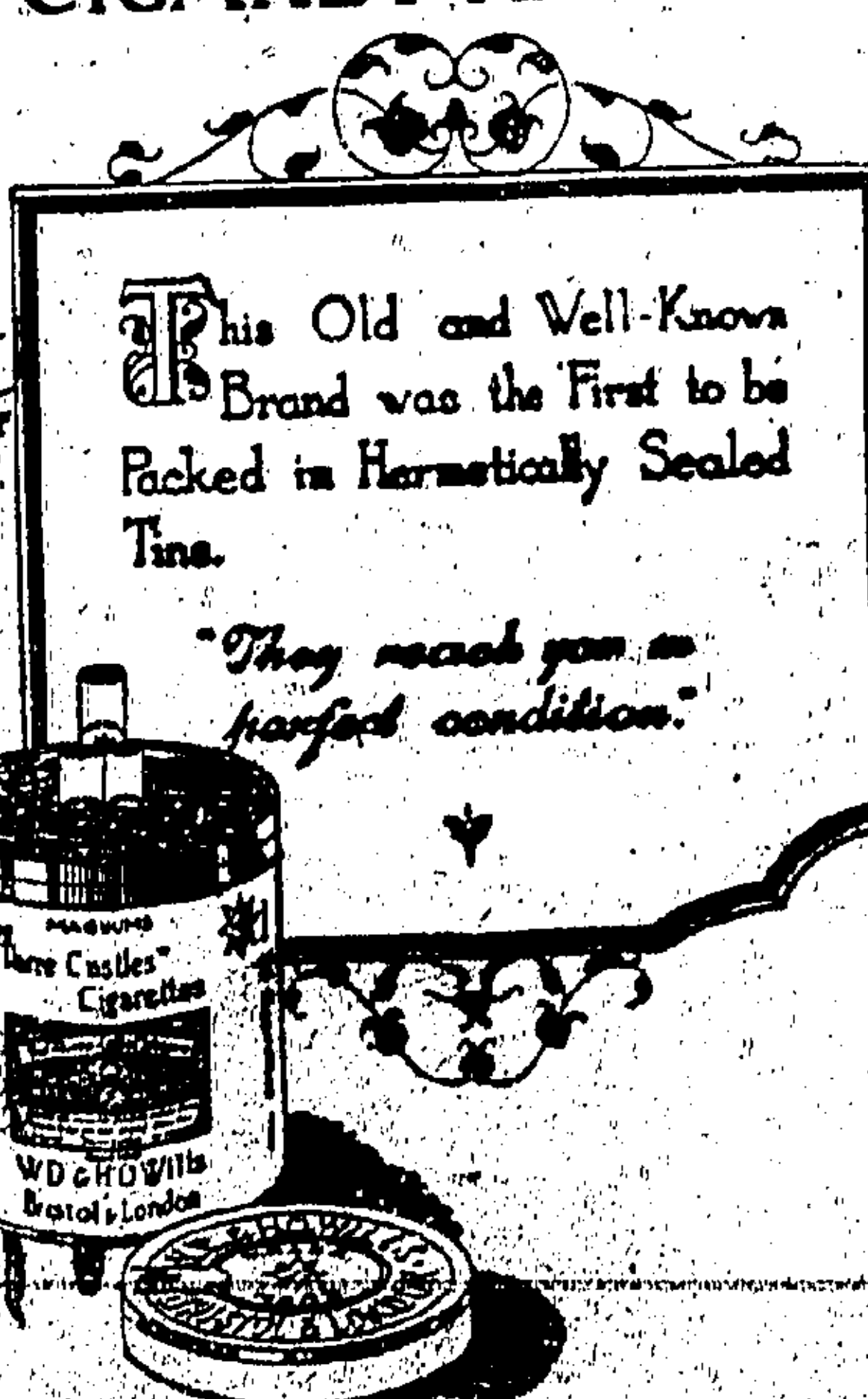
Rugby, Jan. 23.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador in Constantinople, is now at Angora, where he is to have a conversation with the Turkish Government upon the League decision regarding Mosul. He called upon Tewfik Ruzhdi Bey, Foreign Minister shortly after his arrival.

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Straits	8.15 a.m.	Suwa Maru	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	8.15 a.m.	City of Bedford	
Wednesday, JANUARY 27			
Australia and Manila	8.15 a.m.	Change's	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29			
EUROPE via Nipponkai (Letters only London, 3rd Dec. 1925)	8.15 a.m.	Folds	
Japan	8.15 a.m.	Atlanta Maru	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31			
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	8.15 a.m.	Pres. Jackson	
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	8.15 a.m.	Pres. Adams	
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	8.15 a.m.	Siberia Maru	
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5			
Australia and Manila	8.15 a.m.	Tanda	

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FOR	MONDAY, JANUARY 25	PER	TIME
Amoy	8.15 a.m.	Straits	8.15 a.m.
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At Sea, Europe & AUSTRALIA	8.15 a.m.		
Marseilles due Marseilles 14th Feb. Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	8.15 a.m.		
Swatow and Amoy	8.15 a.m.	Dardanus	2 p.m.
Manila	8.15 a.m.	City of Bedford	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	8.15 a.m.	Amoy	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	8.15 a.m.	Tikongang	3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, JANUARY 27			
Swatow and Amoy	8.15 a.m.	Ocean	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	8.15 a.m.	Yao Oon	10 a.m.
Japan	8.15 a.m.	Yusung	10 a.m.
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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Society will be held on THURSDAY, 28th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925

To elect Officers and a new Committee for the current year.

To fix the date of the Annual Flower Show.

To discuss any matters of interest to Horticulturists in Hongkong and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1926.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the Office, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1926, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company, will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th January to WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

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NOTICES.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th January to WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, January 16, 1926.

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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that six blank sheets of paper bearing the signature of PUN SHAU YEE have been LOST and that no letter or document whatever which may bear the signature of PUN SHAU YEE shall be of any effect or binding on the undersigned unless the same is first submitted to and confirmed by the undersigned. All communications to the undersigned should be addressed to the undersigned at the Government School, Hongkong.

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